# MANUAL FOR BOARDS OF COUNTY CANVASSERS



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### INTRODUCTION

Michigan election law was amended in 1963 to establish procedures for the appointment of a four-member Board of County Canvassers in every county in the state. (MCLA 168.24a-168.24f) Prior to 1963, county canvassers were elected. While the procedures for filling positions on county canvassing boards have changed over the years, the responsibilities of the boards have remained as follows:

### COMPLETES CANVASS AND CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS:

The Board is responsible for canvassing and certifying primaries and elections held in the county. In specified instances, county canvassing boards are required to forward the results obtained for primaries and elections to the Board of State Canvassers in Lansing.

### **CONDUCTS RECOUNTS:**

The Board is responsible for conducting recounts of votes cast at primaries and elections held in the county.

### RESOLVES CLAIMS INVOLVING MALFUNCTIONING VOTING EQUIPMENT AND DEFECTIVE BALLOTS:

The Board is responsible for resolving any claims that malfunctioning voting equipment or defective ballots may have affected the outcome of a vote on an office appearing on the ballot. The resolution process is **not** carried out unless an aggrieved candidate files a petition asserting a voting equipment or ballot problem.

The Board is also responsible for resolving any claims that malfunctioning voting equipment or defective ballots may have affected the outcome of a vote on a proposal appearing on the ballot. The resolution process is **not** carried out unless a voter who participated in the election files a petition asserting a voting equipment or ballot problem.

#### INSPECTS BALLOT CONTAINERS:

Every four years the Board is responsible for inspecting all ballot containers used in the county.

This manual outlines the procedures a Board of County Canvassers must follow when fulfilling the above responsibilities.

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INTRODUCTION: Each Board of County Canvassers has four members. (MCLA 168.24a(1)) The two political parties that cast the greatest number of votes for the office of Secretary of State at the last election at which the office was filled are each permitted to have two representatives on the Board. (MCLA 168.24c) The county clerk serves as clerk of the Board. (MCLA 168.24e) (The county clerk does not have a vote on the Board.)

TERMS OF BOARD POSITIONS: Each Board member serves a four-year term. The terms of the members are staggered so that both parties represented on the Board have one member's term expiring on October 31 of each odd-numbered year. New terms commence on November 1. (MCLA 168.24a(3))

QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS: To serve on the Board, a person must be a "qualified elector" of the county and must take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office. An elected public officer may not serve on the Board. If a member of the Board becomes a candidate for public office or accepts a position as a precinct inspector, his or her position on the Board becomes vacant. (MCLA 168.24b; Art. II, Sec. 7, of State Constitution.) As precinct delegates are not considered "public officers," a Board member may seek and accept a precinct delegate position. Election law does not prohibit the appointment and service of board members who are immediate family members of candidates.

REGULAR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD: To fill expiring terms on the Board, the county committee of each political party is required to submit to the county clerk not later than September 1 of each odd-numbered year the names of three persons qualified to serve on the Board. (A Board member whose term is expiring may be named among the three nominees.)

In a county having two or more congressional districts within its boundaries, the congressional district committees submit the names to the county clerk instead of the county committees. The following counties must seek their nominees from the congressional district committee: Allegan, Kent, Macomb, Mason, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne.

The county clerk presents the submitted names to the members of the Board of County Commissioners who are then required to fill each vacant position with one of the three persons nominated for the position. Michigan election law stipulates that the Board of County Commissioners must elect the positions "by ballot." The county clerk is responsible for notifying persons placed on the Board of County Canvassers within five days after the Board of County Commissioners acts to fill the positions. (MCLA 168.24a(3); 168.24c)

As the Open Meetings Act prohibits voting procedures at a public meeting which prevents citizens from knowing how members of a public body voted, a "secret" balloting process cannot be employed by the Board of County Commissioners when filling the positions.

The Michigan election law extends to the County Board of Commissioners the authority to request any of the following from the county canvasser nominees before making the required appointments:

- A letter signed by the nominee indicating 1) an interest in serving on the Board of County Canvassers and 2) an intent to discharge the duties to the best of his or her ability.
- Information on any prior election experience including canvassing elections.
- Information on whether the nominee has been convicted of a felony or election crime.

VACANCIES ON BOARD: A vacancy is created on the Board if a Board member 1) dies 2) resigns 3) becomes a candidate for public office 4) accept a position as a precinct inspector 5) moves from the county 6) fails or refuses to take the constitutional oath of office or 7) is removed from office under proper authority.

When a vacancy occurs on the Board, the county clerk immediately gives notices of the vacancy to the county or congressional district committee chairperson of the political party represented by the position involved. Within 10 days after the county or congressional district committee political party chairperson receives notice of the vacancy, the county or congressional district political party committee is required to submit to the county clerk the names of three persons qualified to serve on the Board. Within 10 days after receiving the three names, the county clerk makes the necessary appointment. A person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board serves for the balance of the unexpired term. (MCLA 168.24b; Art. II, Sec. 7, of State Constitution) The county clerk is responsible for notifying persons appointed to fill vacancies on the Board of County Canvassers within five days after their appointment. (MCLA 168.24a(3))

COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS: The rate of pay the members of the Board of County Canvassers receive is dependent on the population of the county. Payments are made by the county treasurer upon the warrant of the county clerk. (MCLA 168.24f; 168.24h)

- If the county's population is less than 475,000, the members of the Board receive "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, and in addition shall be paid the same daily rate as is paid the members of the board of commissioners for meetings." (MCLA 168.24f(2))
- If the county's population is **475,000** or more but less than **1,500,000**, the members of the Board receive "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties and in addition shall be paid at a rate which is equal to the per diem rate paid to the county board of commissioners for meetings, or which is equal to ½% [.005] of the annual salary paid to members of the county board of commissioners, whichever is greater." (MCLA 168.24f(1))
- If the county's population is **1,500,000** or more, the members of the Board receive "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, and in addition shall be paid a daily rate of \$25.00 for meetings and \$50.00 for recounts." (MCLA 168.24h)

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD. The Board of County Canvassers meet during the month of January in each even-numbered year to elect a Board chairperson and vice-chairperson. (MCLA 168.24e) Board officers serve a two-year term. It is recommended that the Board "split" the party affiliation of the two Board officers and rotate the offices between the two parties every two years. For example, if a Board member representing Party A is elected chairperson, a Board member representing Party B should be elected vice-chairperson. At the next election of Board officers, a Board member representing Party B should be elected chairperson and a Board member representing Party A should be elected vice-chairperson. Newly appointed Board members who have not yet taken the constitutional oath of office when the January organizational meeting is convened should take the oath before any business is transacted at the meeting. This includes Board members reappointed to fill a new term.

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FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Board meets as required to meet its statutorily specified duties and responsibilities. (MCLA 168.24e) Generally, meetings of the Board are called by the county clerk in his or her capacity as Board clerk. The Board chairperson and vice-chairperson also have the authority to call meetings of the Board.

POSTING REQUIREMENT: Board of County Canvasser meetings are open to the public under the Open Meetings Act. (MCLA 15.261) When a Board meeting is scheduled, public notice of the meeting must be posted at least 18 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. (MCLA 15.265)

QUORUM REQUIRED: Any three members of the Board constitute a quorum. It is emphasized, however, that the Board does not have the authority to take an action unless there is bi-partisan support for the action. Thus, if three Board members are present, two members representing the same political party cannot adopt or reject a motion without the concurrence of the third member. (MCLA 168.24e)

MINUTES: The county clerk is responsible for taking notes at Board meetings. (This responsibility may be delegated.) After the adjournment of a Board meeting, the clerk drafts minutes of the meeting from the notes he or she has recorded on the Board's actions and forwards a copy of the draft to each member of the Board. At the following Board meeting, the Board members adopt or reject, by a vote of the Board members, the minutes submitted by the clerk. Adopted minutes are signed by all Board members. Rejected minutes are revised as necessary and resubmitted at the Board's subsequent meeting.

TEMPORARY MEMBERS: When a meeting is called for the Board to perform a statutorily specified duty and a quorum cannot be convened, the county clerk may appoint temporary members to the Board. To accommodate such instances, the county clerk should keep on file a list of persons recommended by the political parties to fill temporary appointments. A temporary appointee must have the qualifications to serve on the Board and must be affiliated with the political party of the Board member he or she is replacing. When temporary appointments to the Board are necessary, it is recommended that **all** absences on the Board be temporarily filled to remove any appearances of

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partisanship. In other words, if two Board members are absent, two temporary appointments should be made; if three Board members are absent, three temporary appointments should be made; and if all four Board members are absent, four temporary appointments should be made. Temporary appointees on the Board serve only until the business at hand has been transacted. (MCLA 168.30g)

EMPLOYMENT OF BOARD ASSISTANTS: The Board has the authority to employ assistants to help perform its duties in a timely manner. The rate of pay for the assistants is specified by the Board and is paid from a special appropriation made by the Board of County Commissioners. (MCLA 168.24e)

BOARD BUDGET: It is recommended that the Board work with the county clerk to prepare its yearly budget. Budget considerations should include 1) the Board's rate of pay 2) the number of meetings to be held in the ensuing 12 months 3) the number of assistants the Board expects to hire in the coming year and 4) the hourly rate to be paid to the assistants.

# Chapter 2 Authority to Canvass and Certify Primaries and Elections

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A Board of County Canvassers' principal responsibility is to canvass and certify specified primaries and elections held in the county. The Board "canvasses" primaries and elections by carefully reviewing and authenticating various forms and certificates completed to document the vote cast at the polls. The Board "certifies" a primary by declaring the final vote totals obtained at the primary, the names of the nominees for the offices involved and the outcome of any questions on the ballot. The Board "certifies" an election by declaring the final vote totals obtained at the election, the names of the candidates elected to the offices involved and the outcome of any questions on the ballot. In certain specified instances, the Board canvasses the votes cast for an office or on a ballot question and forwards the results to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. The following outlines a Board of County Canvassers' responsibilities with regard to canvassing and certifying primaries and elections.

FEDERAL AND STATE PARTISAN OFFICES: The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for canvassing the votes cast in the county at a primary or general election for the following federal and state partisan offices (an asterisk indicates that the office appears only on the general election ballot): \*president and vice-president (candidates for president and vice-president run as a "team" in the general election), U.S. senator, representative in congress, governor, \*lieutenant governor (candidates for governor and lieutenant governor run as a "team" in the general election), \*attorney general, \*secretary of state, state senator, state representative, \*state board of education member, \*University of Michigan regent, \*Michigan State University trustee, and \*Wayne State University governor.

The Board of County Canvassers **certifies** the votes cast at a primary or general election for the office of representative in congress, state senator and state representative if the district involved is wholly contained within the county. In all other instances, the Board of County Canvassers forwards the votes cast at a primary or general election for the state and federal partisan offices named above to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. (MCLA 168.167; 168.171; 168.581; 168.826)

COUNTY PARTISAN OFFICES: The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast at a primary or general election for all county partisan offices. (MCLA 168.197; 168.201; 168.228; 168.232; 168.258; 168.262; 168.826)

STATE AND COUNTY JUDICIAL OFFICES: The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for canvassing the votes cast in the county at a primary or general election for the following judicial offices (an asterisk indicates that the office appears only on the general election ballot): \*Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals judge, Circuit Court judge, District Court judge, Probate judge (single county district) and District Probate judge (multi-county district).

The Board of County Canvassers **certifies** the votes cast at a primary or general election for the office of Probate judge (single county district). In all other instances, the Board of County Canvassers forwards the votes cast at a primary or general election for the judicial offices named above to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step. (MCLA 168.397; 168.409f; 168.415; 168.417; 168.435; 168.467g)

CITY, TOWNSHIP, AND VILLAGE OFFICES: The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast at a primary or election for any city, township, or village office.

In an instance where a city or village lies in more than a single county, the County Board of Canvassers in the county with the greater number of voters <u>canvasses</u> all the precincts. Further, the County Board of Canvassers in the county with the greater number of voters <u>certifies</u> the election. The County Board of Canvassers with the lesser number of voters canvasses all precincts that fall in their county on which the city or village office or proposal appears on the ballot. Since more than one County Board of Canvassers is responsible for canvassing and certifying the returns in a certain precinct, a separate copy of the Poll Book and Statement of Votes must be prepared for each canvassing board involved. In addition to the canvass of the precincts by the county with the lesser number of registered voters, the county with the larger number of registered voters will complete a canvass of <u>all</u> precincts in which the city or village positions or proposals appear alone on the ballot, the county with the lesser number of registered voters is not required to canvass their precincts and the conduct of canvass and certification will be the sole responsibility of the larger county.

Note: Please refer to Delivery of Records to Multiple Boards of County Canvassers on pg. 14 for further guidance.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES: In an instance where a <u>school district falls in more than a single</u> <u>county</u>, the Board of County Canvassers established in each county in which a portion of the school district lies is responsible for canvassing that portion of the school district election that is held in that county. (Note exceptions below.)

In an instance where a <u>precinct used to conduct a school election falls in more than one county</u>, the Board of County Canvassers established in the county in which the largest number of registered voters of that precinct reside is responsible for canvassing the results of that precinct. (Note exceptions below.)

**Exception #1:** As an exception to the above requirements, a Board of County Canvassers that is not the canvassing board responsible for certifying the school district election is <u>not</u> required to meet to canvass the county's portion of the school district election unless the Board of County Canvassers is obligated to meet to canvass another election held in the county.

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**Exception #2:** In an instance where a combination city/school district election or village/school district election is conducted in a city or village that falls in more than one county, that portion of the school district election held within the city or village is always canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers responsible for canvassing the city or village election.

### **Election Certification Steps**

In an instance where the school district election canvassing procedures detailed above are invoked, the certification of the school district election proceeds as described below:

- Each of the canvassing boards established in the "outlying" counties meets and canvasses that portion of the school district election held in the county.
- After completing its portion of the canvass, each of the canvassing boards established in the "outlying" counties certify the vote totals obtained in the county to the county canvassing board responsible for certifying the school district election. (The Board of County Canvassers responsible for certifying the school district election is the Board of County Canvassers established in the county in which the greatest number of registered voters in the school district reside.) This step is accomplished by forwarding the canvass Statement of Votes to the appropriate county. All "outlying" counties are encouraged to complete the canvass of their overlapping school district precincts first, so as to assist the larger county in facilitating an efficient final certification of results for the school district election.
- After receiving the certified vote results from the county canvassing boards established in the
  "outlying" counties, the Board of County Canvassers responsible for certifying the school
  district election canvasses its portion of the school district election, compiles a final canvass
  report that covers the entire school district and certifies the final results.
- As a final step, the county clerk of the county in which the greatest number of registered voters in the school district reside certifies the final results of the school district election to the secretary of the school board.

### **Preparing for the Canvass of School District Elections**

In view of the canvassing requirements explained above, county clerks must take the following actions in advance of any multi-county school district elections that impact their respective counties:

- The clerks of the "outlying" counties must inform the clerk of the county responsible for certifying
  the school district election whether their canvassing boards will or will not meet to canvass their
  portion of the school district election.
- Arrangements must be made to ensure that the canvass documents completed at the precinct level are transmitted to the appropriate county clerk for delivery to the proper canvassing board.

### STATE, COUNTY, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BALLOT ISSUES: The votes cast for and against ballot issues placed on the ballot at state, local, school district and community college district primaries and elections are canvassed and certified as follows:

- The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for canvassing the votes cast in the county
  on a statewide ballot issue. The Board of County Canvassers forwards the results
  obtained on a statewide ballot issue to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification
  step. (MCLA 168.826; 168.841)
- The Board of County Canvassers is responsible or **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast in the county on a **countywide question**. (MCLA 168.826)
- The votes cast for and against ballot issues placed on the ballot at a city, township, village, school district or community college district primary or election are canvassed and certified by the county or local canvassing board responsible for canvassing and certifying the votes cast on offices up for election in the jurisdiction. (MCLA 168.24a; 168.826; 389.17; 389.21; 389.37; 389.57)

SPECIAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS: The votes cast for and against ballot issues and offices placed on special primary and special general election ballots by the state or a county, city, township, village, school district, community college district or a district library are canvassed and certified by the canvassing board responsible for canvassing and certifying the votes cast at regularly scheduled primaries and elections within the jurisdiction. (MCLA 168.533)

RECALL ELECTIONS: The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing** the votes cast in the county for and against the recall of a **federal**, **state or county officer** (except the office of county commissioner). The Board of County Canvassers forwards the results obtained to the Board of State Canvassers for the certification step.

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for **canvassing and certifying** the votes cast in the county for and against the recall of a **county commissioner or a city, township, village or school official**. (MCLA 168.968) A recall election held within a city or school district that crosses county boundaries is canvassed and certified by the county that contains the greatest number of registered voters in the jurisdiction. (MCLA 168.24a; 168.960; 168.968)

REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS TO COUNTY: Michigan election law states: "The cost of canvass of school, city, township, and village elections shall be borne by the school district, city, township, or village holding the election, and upon presentation of a bill for the costs incurred by the board of county canvassers, the school district, city, township, or village shall reimburse the county treasurer." (MCLA 168.24a(1))

### **CHAPTER 3** MANAGEMENT OF A COUNTY CANVASS

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The following outlines the provisions of Michigan election law which govern the management of a primary or election canvass conducted on the county level.

COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF CANVASS: A canvass conducted on the county must be completed within 14 calendar days after its commencement. (MCLA 168.822) The commencement date of a canvass depends on the type of primary or election held.

- After an August primary, a November general election or a presidential primary, the Board of County Canvassers must meet to begin the canvass at 1:00 p.m. on the day after the primary or election. (MCLA 168.821)
- After a special election held on an annexation, incorporation or consolidation, the county board responsible for the canvass must meet to begin the canvass no later than the first Thursday after the election. (MCLA 117.12)
- After any other type of primary or election, the county board responsible for the canvass must meet to begin the canvass no later than the fifth day after the primary or election. (MCLA 168.821)

FAILURE TO PERFORM CANVASSING DUTIES: The authority for canvassing and certifying the votes cast at a primary or election is transferred as described below if the canvassing board responsible for the completion of the work fails to perform its duties within the allotted time period.

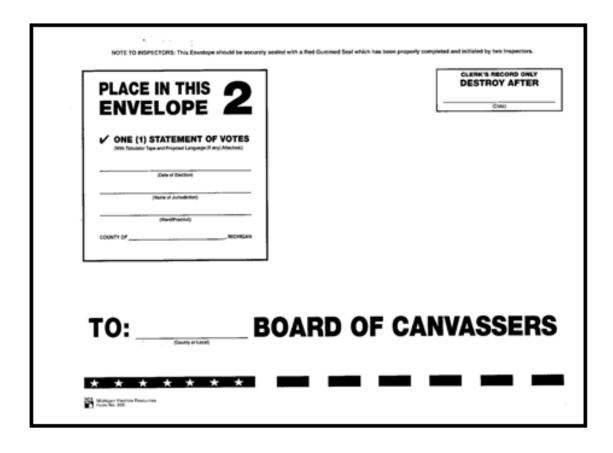
• If a Board of County Canvassers fails to canvass and/or certify within 14 calendar days after the commencement of the canvass the votes cast for and against a ballot issue or on any office voted on within the county, the Board immediately delivers all of the necessary forms and documents to the Secretary of State. The Board of State Canvassers is then responsible for completing the remaining work involved within 10 calendar days after the Secretary of State's receipt of the records. The county is responsible for the costs the Board of State Canvassers incurs in completing the canvass and certification. The Board of State Canvassers may enlist the assistance of the Board of County Canvassers to complete the remaining work involved.

PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS EMPLOYED TO COMPLETE CANVASS: The following lists the principal documents used to canvass and certify a primary or election:

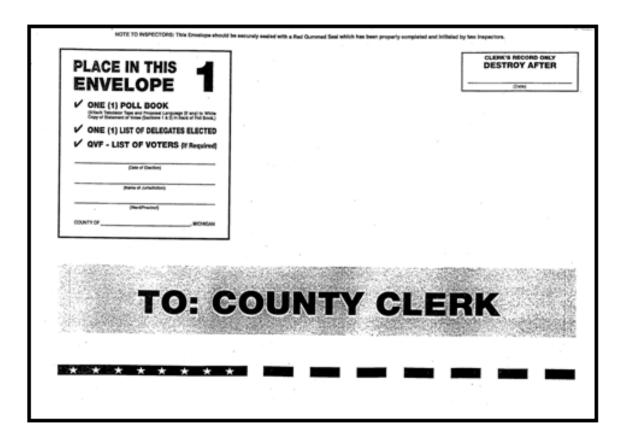
- POLL BOOKS document the ballots issued, cast, rejected and spoiled in a voting precinct or an absent voter counting board precinct.
- **THE STATEMENT OF VOTES** documents the final vote totals obtained in a voting precinct or an absent voter counting board precinct.
- THE COUNTY CANVASSERS' REPORT documents the votes cast in each precinct in the county for
  each candidate and question on the ballot. The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for
  completing the form.
- THE STATE VOTE TOTAL FORM is used to transmit the total votes cast in the county at an August primary, November general election or presidential primary for candidates seeking federal, state and judicial offices on the ballot. This form is transmitted electronically and in paper format using the election night reporting program (e-ENR) following the completion of the county canvass. (The e-ENR program used to report official vote totals following the county canvass is also used by the county clerk to report unofficial vote totals on election night.)

# DELIVERY OF RECORDS TO BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS: Before the procedures for canvassing and certifying a primary or election can be carried out, the various forms and certificates completed to document the vote cast at the polls and by the absent voters must be secured and delivered as appropriate to the Board of County Canvassers. The following outlines the manner in which the records needed to certify and canvass a primary or election on the county level are assembled. (MCLA 168.809)

• Immediately after the close of the polls the election inspectors complete the precinct's records. One of the Statement of Votes is sealed with a red paper seal in an envelope addressed to the Board of County Canvassers. The envelope is delivered by the election inspectors to the official responsible for administering the election (city or township clerk). The official responsible for administering the election delivers the envelopes addressed to the Board of County Canvassers to the chief or only judge of probate of the county or probate court district or their representative for safekeeping.



• In addition to the above, the election inspectors use a red paper seal to seal the second Statement of Votes and the Poll Book in an envelope addressed to the county clerk. The envelope is delivered to the county clerk by the official responsible for administering the election. The county clerk uses the records in the envelope to compile the unofficial returns for the election.



• The county clerk presents the envelopes containing the records used to compile the unofficial returns for the election (#1 county clerk envelope - seals broken) to the Board prior to the commencement of the canvass. The judge of probate shall deliver the sealed envelopes received by him or her to the board of county canvassers (#2 Board of Canvassers envelope – sealed) when it meets to canvass the returns (MCL 168.809).

DELIVERY OF RECORDS TO MULTIPLE BOARDS OF COUNTY CANVASSERS: If a city or village crosses county boundary lines the County Board of Canvassers of the county in which the greatest number of registered voters of the city or village reside must canvass and certify the votes cast on any city or village offices or proposals that appear on the ballot.

If more than one County Board of Canvassers is responsible for canvassing and certifying the returns a separate copy of the Poll Book and Statement of Votes must be prepared for each canvassing board involved. As an alternative, the members of the Receiving Board may photocopy the Poll Book for delivery to the additional County Board of Canvassers.

The following example is provided to illustrate the manner in which the records needed to canvass and certify a primary or election is assembled when multiple canvassing boards are employed.

**EXAMPLE**: A city is located in two counties (County A and County B). The majority of the registered voters of the city reside in County A. Both County B and the city place proposals on the ballot. While all voters within the city are qualified to vote on the city proposal, only a portion of the voters (those who reside within County B) are qualified to vote on the county proposal.

To account for both ballot styles: 1) Ballot Style A (contains only the City proposal) and 2) Ballot Style B (contains the City proposal *and* the County proposal), the following options are available:

OPTION A: Receiving board established or printer available in precinct – Traditional Poll Book with Split Precinct Ballot Summary or Traditional Poll Book with Addendum Ballot Summary (Dual Entry Not Required)

- The names of all voters are recorded in the Poll Book. An alpha designation is used to identify the specific ballot style issued to each voter i.e., 1A or 1B.
- All ballots are accounted for in the split precinct ballot summary located in the back of the Poll Book or as an alternative, the B ballots may be accounted for in a separate Addendum Ballot Summary which is inserted into the Poll Book.
- The total number of voters recorded on the Certificate of Election Inspectors, located in the original Poll Book, must include both A and B ballot voters.

- The public counter on the tabulator will reflect ALL ballots tabulated. Therefore, the total number of A and B ballots issued, as reflected in each ballot summary, must be added together to verify this count.
- The Poll Book (with Addendum Ballot Summary, if used) and the Statements of Votes are secured in the appropriate envelopes and delivered along with the ballot container to the Receiving Board.

ADDENDU	M BA	LLOT SUMMARY
	Regular or Special	
Held On	, 20	in the
City/Twp. of		City or Summahop
School District of		Sphool Diebool
County of	Courty	, State of Michigan
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<ol> <li>Number of absent voter return envelopes received by board: glose '0" if above viter bakes</li></ol>		H. Number of ballots which were not issued:  (
		Number of absent voter return envelopes received which did not contain a ballot: (Citer 17 if absent viter ballots on pronned is preprior.)
C. Total of Lines A & B:	<u>†</u>	J. Total of Lines D, E, F, G, H and I:  THESE TOTALS MUST AGREE
CHECK YOUR TOTAL SETHE TOTAL BE	CORDED ON I	INE C MUST EQUAL THE TOTAL RECORDED ON LINE J. HE REASON IN THE REMARKS SECTION OF POLL BOOK.

• The Receiving Board will prepare a copy of the Poll Book (with Addendum Ballot Summary, if used) and Statements of Votes and secure them into separate envelopes addressed to the County Clerk and County Board of Canvassers of the neighboring county.

### **OPTION B: Addendum Poll Book (Dual Entry Required)**

- The names of <u>all</u> voters are recorded in the Poll Book. An alpha designation is used to identify the specific ballot style issued to each voter i.e., 1A or 1B. <u>In addition, the name of each voter issued ballot style B is recorded in the Addendum Poll Book which will be delivered to the second <u>canvassing board</u>. It is important to note that each canvassing board must have a complete list of the voters that were issued a ballot containing the office(s) and/or proposal(s) that they are responsible for canvassing.</u>
- All A ballots are accounted for in the ballot summary located in the back of the Poll Book.
- All B ballots are accounted for in the ballot summary located in the back of the Addendum Poll Book.
- The public counter on the tabulator will reflect ALL ballots tabulated. Therefore, the total number
  of A and B ballots issued, as reflected in each ballot summary, must be added together to verify this
  count.
- The total number of voters recorded on the Certificate of Election Inspectors, located in the Poll Book, must include all voters who were issued a ballot within the precinct regardless of the ballot style.
- The Poll Book and Statements of Votes are secured in the appropriate envelopes and delivered along with the ballot container to the local clerk.
- The Addendum Poll Book and Statements of Votes are secured in separate envelopes addressed to the County Clerk and County Board of Canvassers of the neighboring county and are also delivered to the local clerk.

	ADDENDUM
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PO	LL BOOK
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	d Date , 20 in the Ward/Procinct
	City or Township
School District of	School District , State of Michiga
Record write-in vote     Complete the Ballot	ELECTION INSPECTOR INFORMATION  s or clarifications in the Remarks Section in the back of this Addendum Poll Book in the Write-In Section in the back of this Addendum Poll Book. Summary Section located in the back of this Addendum Poll Book. In Poll Book in Envelope No.1 to the County Clerk at the close of the polls.

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Scope of Authority When Conducting Canvass: When conducting a canvass of votes, the Board of County Canvassers has the authority to take any of the actions listed below. (MCLA 168.823)

- Adjourn from day to day as necessary during the course of the canvass.
- Employ assistants as needed to conduct and complete the canvass.
- Direct that any records related to the election be presented at the canvass.
- Open ballot boxes to remove any records related to the election which has been secured in the ballot boxes. (The Board does **not** have the authority to remove the ballots secured in the ballot boxes.)
- Correct obvious mathematical errors made by the election inspectors or other canvassing boards.
   (All corrections should be made in red ink next to the inaccurate entries; the mistakes should not be erased!)

• Direct the election inspectors or county clerk staff (see alternative process below) to correct precinct records found to be incorrect or incomplete.

**POWER TO CORRECT ERRORS:** If there appears to be a discrepancy in the records completed by a precinct board, the Board has the authority to:

- Direct the person who wrote the program to appear at the canvass with all papers and documents pertinent to the program to answer any questions relevant to the program.
- Direct the person who has custody of the program to 1) present the program at the canvass in its sealed container 2) remove the program from its container and 3) test the program to verify its accuracy. If the program is found to produce inaccurate results, the Board may require the programmer to submit a corrected program. Once the corrected program has been verified as accurate, the Board may direct the appropriate persons to retabulate the ballots and certify the results.
- Direct the person who has custody of the ballot containers to 1) appear at the canvass with the sealed containers 2) open them and 3) remove any documents required to complete the canvass.
- Direct the election inspectors who certified the returns to tabulate any uncounted ballots.
  - <u>Alternative Process:</u> Michigan election law (MCL 168.823(3)) provides the board of county canvassers the authority to designate members of the county clerk's staff to count any ballots that the election inspectors failed to count and to make correct returns.
- Direct the election inspectors who certified the returns to re-tabulate the ballots counted on election night if the following applies:
  - A. The total number of ballots tabulated according to the totals tape does not equal the total number of voters as recorded in the Poll Book, <u>and</u>
  - B. A physical count of the ballots (conducted by a team of two election inspectors who have expressed a preference for different political parties) is the <u>same as</u> the total number of voters as recorded in the Poll Book.

After exercising any of the above powers, the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for ensuring that all of the voting equipment involved is resealed and returned to the custody of the appropriate official. The serial numbers appearing on the seals used to reseal the voting equipment must be recorded in the proper Poll Books, on the appropriate Statement of Votes forms, on the ballot

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container tags and in the minutes of the Board's meeting. In addition, the Board of County Canvassers must secure all Poll Books and Statement of Votes in sealed envelopes. (MCLA 168.824(2))

Special Note: The purpose of a canvass is to verify the proper completion of the records related to the election at hand. The investigation of alleged election law violations is **not** a part of the canvass. Consequently, the Board of County Canvassers does **not** have the authority to pass upon the legality of an election. In *McQuade v Furgason*, 91 Mich 438 (1892), the Michigan Supreme Court stated:

"(I)t is the settled law of this State that canvassing boards are bound by the return, and cannot go behind it, especially for the purpose of determining frauds in the election. Their duties are purely ministerial and clerical...."

For further information on the scope of a Board of County Canvassers' authority when canvassing an election, refer to Attorney General Opinion No. 6230, issued on June 14, 1984.

# CHAPTER 4 PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A COUNTY CANVASS: VERIFICATION OF RECORDS

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The successful completion of an election canvass rests on the verification of all records completed in the precincts. If any of the records are found to be incomplete or to contain errors other than minor omissions, spelling errors or obvious mathematical mistakes, the election inspectors who were responsible for completing the records may be summoned to the canvass to correct the documents or as an alternative county clerk's staff may be used to assist in completing records and returns. If errors in the records are found which require election inspectors to appear at the canvass, the Board should continue with the canvass while waiting for the election inspectors to appear. Unnecessary delays in the canvass must be avoided. After the completion of the canvass, the Board should advise the official responsible for administering the election of any errors or omissions which the Board found it necessary to correct.

The following provides a list of items the Board of County Canvassers must check on each precinct record. Note: A County Canvass Checklist is available in the Appendix on page 2.

**POLL BOOKS:** A Poll Book is completed by the election inspectors serving in each precinct and absent voter counting board. When reviewing a Poll Book, the Board should:

A. Check the outside cover for proper completion.

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# **POLL BOOK**

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**ELECTION** 

Held on	NOVEMBER	4	. 20	08	_ in Ward/Precinct#	1
	Month and Date		_,	Year		
of the	MERIDIAN	TOWNS	HIP			
		City, Townsh	nip, Village	or Scho	ol District	
County of	INGHA	M				

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### **ELECTION INSPECTOR INFORMATION**

- All inspectors must take and subscribe to the Oath of Office in the front of this Poll Book prior to assuming any duties as an inspector.
- All inspectors must sign the Election Inspectors' Preparation Certificate in the front of this Poll Book.
- Record any comments or clarifications on the Remarks Page in the back of this Poll Book.
- Tally write-in votes in the Write-In Tally Section located in the back of this Poll Book. (Do not tally write-in votes cast for precinct delegate candidates at the August Primary in this Poll Book. Write-in votes cast for precinct delegate candidates are tallied in the Precinct Delegate Statement.)
- All inspectors must sign the Certificate of Election Inspectors in the back of this Poll Book when completing
  the precinct's records after the polls close.
- Two (2) inspectors must initial all red paper seals used to seal envelopes.
- Two (2) inspectors must attest to the sealing of the ballots in an approved storage container after the close
  of the polls.
- Two (2) inspectors must attest to the sealing of the tabulator program in an approved container after the close of the polls.

RETURN COMPLETED POLL BOOK IN ENVELOPE NO. 1 TO COUNTY CLERK

B. Check the oaths for proper completion. The chairperson's oath must be completed and signed by the chairperson and the person who administered the oath. The group oath must be completed and signed by all inspectors and the person who administered the oath.

CLERK'S PREPARATION CERTIFICATE								
OPTICAL SCAN TABULATOR AND VOTER ASSIST TERMINAL								
Tabulator Serial No.	82135	Tabulator Seal No.	34567					
Terminal Serial No.	AM 56821	Terminal Seal No.	34683					
with law, and, that at the	completion of the tests the program	rminal have been properly prepared an ms were inserted Into the tabulator and	d tested for this election in accordance terminal and sealed with seals bearing					
the seal numbers reco	X Margie	Sears	10-27-08					
Ward / Precinct No.	Signature of Clerk or Authorized As	ssistant	Date					
	ECTION INSPECTO	RS' PREPARATION CE	ERTIFICATE					
The oath of office Verified that the se same as the seria All preparation tes The ballot was ve	was administered to and signed b erial number of the tabulator and to I and seal numbers recorded on th ts of the tabulator and terminal wer	erminal and the seals used to seal the ne Clerk's Preparation Certificate above re completed and the equipment was the te's name and the placement of any p	e tabulator and terminal were the ve. found to be in proper working order.					
		ISPECTORS OF ELECTIO	N					
STA	ATE OF MICHIGAN,	7						
B1	INGHAM	} ss.						
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on Tuesday	the 4th day	of November , 20 08 a	according to the best of my ability.					
ll'	ed and sworn to before me this  November, 20 C	75	Jones of Chairperson illians on Administering Oath					
KI .	ATE OF MICHIGAN,	} ss.						
I Do Solei	d that I will faithfully discharge t	ill support the Constitution of the United duties of the Office of Inspecto of November, 20 08 a	r of Elections at the Election held					
	Signatures of Persons Tak	ing Oath and Certifying Preparation	ı Certificate					
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- C. Verify that the Clerk's Preparation Certificate is completed and signed by the clerk or authorized assistant. Verify that the Election Inspectors' Certificate is completed and signed by all election inspectors present at the opening of the polls.
- D. Check the List of Voters section of the Poll Book for legibility and proper completion. The poll list must include the name of every voter that was issued a ballot along with the names of the voters for whom an absent voter ballot was received for processing (if applicable) along with the serial number of the ballot that was issued to the voter. If absent voter ballots were processed in the precinct, verify that the absent voters are identified with the letters. "A.V." or "Absentee Ballot" (if using the ePollbook).

The word "Spoiled" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter for whom a replacement ballot was issued. In each case, the original ballot number must be crossed out and the replacement ballot number recorded.

The word "Envelope" or "Affidavit" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter whose ballot was processed as a provisional ballot.

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### LIST OF VOTERS

#	Voter Name	Ballots	Remarks
1	Mcqvf, Caitlin Lindsey	<del>00000001</del> 00000003	Spoiled
2	Mcqvf, Faith Lynn	00000002	
3	Mcqvf, Adrian Louise	00000004	Affidavit
4	Mcqvf, Barbara Elise	00000028	Absentee Ballot
5	Mcqvf, Martha Carol	00000005	Challenged
6	Mcqvf, Jonathan Clark	00000006	
7	Mcqvf, Philip Carter	00000007	
8	Mcqvf, Rebecca Sandra	80000000	
9	Mcqvf, George Andrew	00000009 00000012	Spoiled
10	Mcqvf, Alexander Jon	00000010	Envelope
11	Mcqvf, Daniel Richard	00000011	
12	Mcqvf, Paul Robert	00000013	

E. Examine the "Challenged Voters" and "Challenged Procedures" sections of the Poll Book. If challenges took place in the precinct, information regarding each challenge should appear. If no challenges took place in the precinct, the word "NONE" should appear.

## **CHALLENGED VOTERS**

Time 8: 15 am. Name of Challenger Scott Sampson									
Name of Challenged Voter Martha Carol MC QVF Voter's Phone No. 555-1234									
Voter's Address 123 Main St.									
Reason for Challenger Stated that Voter did Not									
register to vote by the deadline.									
Result of Challenge: Ballot issued and identified Ballot not issued									
Time Name of Challenger									
Name of Challenged Voter Voter's Phone No									
Voter's Address									
Reason for Challenge									
Result of Challenge: Ballot issued and identified Ballot not issued									

### **CHALLENGED PROCEDURES**

Time 5:30 pm Name of Challenger Scott Sampson  Description of Challenged Procedure Precinct Inspectors did not check  Photo ID of voter or ask voter to sign affidavit  Result Procedure corrected and reinforced with election  Inspectors.
Time Name of Challenger  Description of Challenged Procedure  Result

F. 'Examine the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book to see if any unique circumstances occurred in the precinct which might affect the total number of voters participating or the total number of ballots tabulated.

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### REMARKS

Date / Time	User	Remarks
2/28/2012 4:36:30 PM	ADMIN	At 4:35 - informed campaigners they must be 100 foot from the entrance to the polling location.
2/28/2012 5:35:25 PM	ADMIN	At 5:00 - The ballot bin was full, causing ballots to jam. We removed the ballots and secured them in the ballot container. Seal #38642

G. Examine the "Write-in Tally" section of the Poll Book. Write-in candidates who wish to have their votes counted must submit a Declaration of Intent form. Write-in votes for "declared" write-in candidates must be tallied and the totals recorded on the Statement of Votes. If there were no "declared" write-in candidates, the word "NONE" should appear.

### WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION OF INTENT

As a write-in candidate for public office, you must file this form no later than 4:00 p.m. on the second Friday immediately preceding the election. You may have additional filing obligations under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act (P.A. 388 of 1976). Ask your filing official for further information. As a write-in candidate for a precinct delegate position, you must file this form with the clerk of your city or township of residence no later than 4:00 p.m. on the first Friday immediately preceding the August primary. As an alternative, you may file this form with your board of election inspectors on the day of the August primary any time prior to the close of the polls. Name I am registered and qualified to vote at this address: Yes No Home Phone (66) 555 Business Phone ( DATE OF ELECTION: District No. (if any) Precinct No. (if Precinct Delegate Candidate) Partisan Office -- Party\* ■ Nonpartisan Office (\*NOTE: Required for partisan primary election only) ☐ To Fill Vacancy - Term Ending. Other JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY: Incumbent Position - Place a check in this box if you are running for a judicial office for which the incumbent is seeking reelection. Non-Incumbent Position - Place a check in this box if you are running for a judicial office for which the incumbent is not seeking reelection. New Judgeship - Place a check in this box if you are running for a newly created judicial seat. By signing this affidavit, I swear the statements made above are true and do hereby declare my intent to seek the above elective office as a write-in candidate. SIGNATURE OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATE Name of Notary: Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of OFFICE USE ONLY DATE OF FILING 7 OFFICE CODE RECEIVED BY CUrrent CA

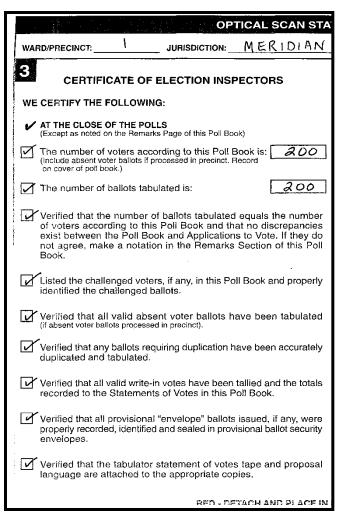
CFR I.D.

DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ONLY (DO NOT TALLY PRECINCT DELEGATE WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN THIS SECTION. REFER TO DELEGATE STATEMENT)								
CANDIDATE'S NAME	OFFICE	PARTY						
James Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.						
Jim Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.						
J. Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.						
Jimmy Webster	Twp. Clerk	Rep.						
Sarah Smith	Twp. Treasurer	Dem.						
Sara Smyth	Twp. Treasurer	Dem.						
S. Smith	Twp. Treasurer	Dem.						

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DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (Please record like offices together)	TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES
Name James Webster Office Twp. Clerk Party Rep.	12
Name Jim Webster Office Twp. Clerk Party Rep.	3
Name J. Webster Office Twp. Clerk Party Rep.	1
Name Jimmy Webster Office Twp. Clerk Party Rep.	l
Name Sarah Smith Office Twp. Treasurer Party Dem.	9
Name Sara Smyth Office Twp. Treasurer Party Dem.	١
Name S. Smith Office Twp. Treasurer Party Dem.	1

- G. Check the election inspectors' certificate on the last page of the Poll Book. The certificate must be complete in every detail and must be signed by every election inspector who served in the precinct except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. When reviewing the election inspectors' certificate, the Board should:
  - Verify the total number of voters against the "List of Voters" section. The numbers should agree except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. (NOTE: The totals must reflect absent voters if absentee voter ballots were processed in the precinct.)
  - 2. Verify the total number of ballots tabulated against the tabulator totals tape. The numbers should agree except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. (NOTE: For each provisional "envelope" ballot issued in the precinct, the total ballots tabulated will be one less than the total number of voters according to the Poll Book.)



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3. Verify the accuracy of the ballot summary. The ballot summary must accurately account for all ballots received by the board including used, unused and absent voter ballots.

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#### BALLOT SUMMARY WE CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING: NUMBER OF BALLOTS DELIVERED TO PRECINCT: A. Number of official ballots delivered to precinct: Ballot Style Starting No. Ending No. Count [None] 00000001 00000200 200 200 B. Number of absent voter return envelopes received by board: 2 C. Total of lines A and B (Must match Line K below): 202 NUMBER OF BALLOTS AT CLOSE OF POLLS: D. Number of ballots tabulated: 15 E. Number of AV ballot envelopes delivered to precinct which did not contain 0 ballot or were not processed for any reason: F. Number of ballots reissued to voters who spoiled their ballot at the pollin 2 place (spoiled or defective ballots): G. Number of ballots rejected: 0 H. Number of ballots used by election inspectors for ballot duplications: Number of PROVISIONAL "envelope" ballots issued: 1 J. Number of UNUSED BALLOTS (excess ballots): Ballot Style Starting No. Ending No. Count 00000017 00000200 184 [None] 184 K. Total of Lines D, E, F, G, H, I, and J (Must match Line C above). 202 L. Difference: 0

**NOTE:** If a provisional envelope ballot was issued in the precinct, the Board should receive a Provisional Ballot Report from the city or township in which the precinct is located. The County Canvassers' Report must be adjusted to reflect any votes cast on provisional envelope ballots that were ruled valid during the six day determination period following the election.

#### CITY / TOWNSHIP PROVISIONAL BALLOT REPORT

Ju	risdiction:			Date of	Election:	
I.	Election [	Day and 2) secured	er of provisional ballots whi I in PROVISIONAL BALLOT "envelope" ballots).			
			which were secured in PRO ermined valid and counted a			
	Precinct#	Number of Provisional Ballots Counted or Tabulated in the Polls	Number of Provisional Ballots Secured in Provisional Ballot Security Envelopes ("Envelope" Ballots)	Number of "Envelope" Ballots Determined Valid	Number of "Envelope" Ballots Determined Invalid	Number of Voters Who Completed an Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification Form
	Total: (include subtotal from page 2 if used)					
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			(Use backside or add		-	
II.	counted of document	on the valid "envelo t must list 1) the na must be added an	Vote Certification" documen pe" ballots cast in your juris ame of each candidate who d 3) the number of votes wh	diction. The "E is entitled to ad	nvelope Ballot ditional votes	t Vote Certification" 2) the precinct where
III.		precinct, the numb ion Form.	er of voters who completed	an Affidavit of	Voter Not in Po	ossession of Picture
IV.	Submit al	forms to your Cou	inty Clerk.			
	Signatur	e of Clerk or Autho	orized Assistant		Position	
	Date				Phone Number	er

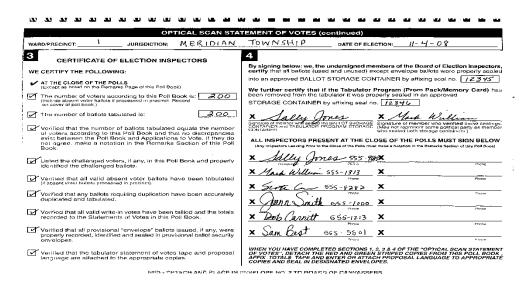
- 4. Verify that the seal number used to seal the ballot container is recorded and attested to by two election inspectors. (NOTE: Ballot bags are not required nor recognized as approved ballot containers, therefore a seal is not required.)
- 5. Verify that the seal number used to seal the program (if removed from the tabulator) is recorded and attested to by two election inspectors.

OPTICAL SCAN STAT	TEMENT OF VOTES (continued)
WARD/PRECINCT: JURISDICTION: MERIDIAN	TOWNSHIP DATE OF ELECTION: 11-4-08
3 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION INSPECTORS	4
WE CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:	By signing below: we, the undersigned members of the Board of Election Inspectors, certify that all ballots (used and unused) except envelope ballots were properly sealed
✓ AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS (Except as noted on the Remarks Page of this Poll Book)	into an approved BALLOT STORAGE CONTAINER by affixing seal no. 12345
The number of voters according to this Poll Book is: 200	We further certify that if the Tabulator Program (Prom Pack/Memory Card) has been removed from the tabulator it was properly sealed in an approved STORAGE CONTAINER by affixing seal no. 12344
on cover of poll book.)  The number of ballots tabulated is:	* Sally Jones * Mark Will
Verified that the number of ballots tabulated equals the number of voters according to this Poll Book and that no discrepancies exist between the Poll Book and Applications to Vote. If they do	Signature of member who seed the BALLOT STORAGE Signature of member who verified these sealings. CONTAINER and TABULATOR PROGRAM STORAGE (May not represent same political party as member who sealed both storage containers.)
not agree, make a notation in the Remarks Section of this Poll Book.	ALL INSPECTORS PRESENT AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS MUST SIGN BELOW  (Any Inspectors Leaving Prior to the Close of the Polls must make a Notation in the Remarks Section of this Poll Book)
Listed the challenged voters, if any, in this Poli Book and properly identified the challenged ballots.	X Sally Jones 555-995X Chairper Phone Phone
Verified that all valid absent voter ballots have been tabulated	X Mark William 555-1313 X Phone Phone
(if absent voter ballots processed in precinct).  Verified that any ballots requiring duplication have been accurately	X Surte Co 555-9282 X Phone Phone
duplicated and tabulated.	X Junn nuth 355-1000 X
Verified that all valid write-in votes have been tallied and the totals recorded to the Statements of Votes in this Poll Book.	X Dob Carnett 555-1213 X
Verified that all provisional "envelope" ballots issued, if any, were properly recorded, identified and sealed in provisional ballot security envelopes.	X Sam Best 565-5501 X
Verified that the tabulator statement of votes tape and proposal language are attached to the appropriate copies.	WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 & 4 OF THE "OPTICAL SCAN STATEMENT OF VOTES", DETACH THE RED AND GREEN STRIPED COPIES FROM THIS POLL BOOK, AFFIX TOTALS TAPE AND ENTER OR ATTACH PROPOSAL LANGUAGE TO APPROPRIATE COPIES AND SEAL IN DESIGNATED ENVELOPES.

RED . DETACH AND PLACE IN ENVELOPE NO 2 TO BOARD OF CANVASSERS

STATEMENT OF VOTES: The vote totals obtained in the precinct for each candidate and ballot question on the ballot are documented on the precinct's Statement of Votes. The Statement of Votes must include the following five elements: 1) the "totals tape" showing the total votes received by the candidates and the total "Yes" and "No" votes cast for any ballot proposals 2) the total votes received by declared write-in candidates 3) the complete text language of any proposals on the ballot 4) the seal number used to seal the approved ballot container along with the signatures of the two election inspectors who sealed the ballot container, and 5) the certificate of election inspectors signed by every election inspector who served in the precinct except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book. The "totals tape" must be signed by all inspectors present at the close of the polls. When reviewing a Statement of Votes, the Board should:

- A. Check the heading of the Statement of Votes for completion.
- B. Verify that the total number of ballots cast in the precinct as reflected on the Statement of Votes equals the total number of names entered in the List of Voters section of the Poll Book. If you find a discrepancy, check the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book for an explanation before summoning the election inspectors who served in the precinct.
- C. Check the election inspectors' certificate. The certificate must be complete in every detail and must be signed by every election inspector who served in the precinct except as noted on the "Remarks Section" of the Poll Book.
- D. Verify that the ballot container seal number is recorded and attested to by two election inspectors.



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E. Verify the total write-in votes as compared to the "Write-in Tally" section of the Poll Book.

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DECLARED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (Please record like offices together)	TOTAL WRITE-IN VOTES	A. Number of of	ALLOTS DELIVERED TO PRECINCT:  fficial ballots delivered to precinct:  nclude absent voter ballots)	
Name James Webster Office Twp. Clerk Party Rep.	12	First Ballot Style Ending	$\frac{O}{O}$ (Minus) ( $\frac{1}{Starting No.}$ ) +1 = $\frac{350}{}$	\ \
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Name J. Webster Office Twp. Clerk Party Rep.		C. Total of line	s A and B:	275 ←
Name <u>Jimmy Webster</u> Office <u>Twp. Clerk</u> Party <u>Rep.</u>		D. Number of b	ALLOTS AT CLOSE OF POLLS:  allots tabulated:  nt voter ballots if processed in precinct.)	200
Name Sarah Smith Office Twp. Treasurer Party Dem.	9	precinct whic	bsent voter ballot envelopes delivered to th did not contain a ballot:	THESE TO
Name Sara Smyth Office Twp. Treasurer party Dem.	١	ballot at the p which a new b G. Number of ba	polling place (spoiled or defective ballots for ballot was issued and tabulated): allots used by election inspectors for ballot	DTALS
Name S. Smith Office Twp. Treasurer party Dem.	1		ROVISIONAL "envelope" ballots issued: NUSED BALLOTS (excess ballots):	MUST AGREE
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Name Office Party		CHECK YOUR T	IS D, E, F, G, H and I; FOTALS! THE TOTAL RECORDED ON LIN DED ON LINE J. IF THESE TOTALS DO REASON IN THE REMARKS SECTION OF T	NOT AGREE, PLEASE

F. Verify that the complete text of the proposal language is attached to the Statement of Votes.

ATTACH PRECINCT TABULATOR STATEMENT OF VOTES TAPE HERE	ENTER OR ATTACH PRO	POSAL LANGUAGE HERE
Sector Raises  Sector	PROPOSAL XX-1  Shall the firearms deer season start on the second Saturday after the first Monday of November?  YES  NO  PROPOSAL XX-2  Shall the turkey replace the robin as the state bird?  YES  NO	SAMPLE COUNTY PROPOSAL  Shall .5 mills be levied on all beer sales to support construction of a speedway?  YES  NO  TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS  TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL  Shall 1.5 mills be levied on all residential property to buy a new fire truck?  YES  NO  NO  NO  NO  NO  NO  NO  NO  NO  N
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## **CHAPTER 5** PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A COUNTY CANVASS: COMPLETION OF CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

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After the precinct records have been carefully inspected and corrected as necessary, the Board of County Canvassers must:

- Document on a County Canvassers' Report the votes cast for each candidate and question on the ballot. (MCLA 168.824; 168.825)
- Determine the winning candidates and the outcome of ballot questions for those offices and ballot questions which the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying. (MCLA 168.826)
- Transmit to the Secretary of State 1) the votes cast on offices and ballot questions which the Board
  of State Canvassers is responsible for certifying and 2) the votes cast on U.S. Representative, State
  Senate and State House seats which the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying.
  (MCLA 168.827; 168.828)
- Transmit to the various local officials in the county election certifications and records as appropriate.

While the forms used to accomplish the above steps may vary from county to county, they serve the same functions. The final certification must be signed by all Board members present at the canvass. The following provides general instruction on the completion of the above steps.

## DOCUMENTATION OF COUNTY VOTE TOTALS - COUNTY CANVASSERS' REPORT:

To document the votes cast for each candidate and question on the ballot, the Board of County Canvassers completes a County Canvassers' Report. The County Canvassers' Report may be a booklet, a multiple-sheet document or a computer generated report or combination. An Official County Canvassers' Report consists of the following 3 components:

#### **A. Statement of Votes** (MCL 168.824, 168.825)

It is recommended that EMS products (Unity, WinEDS, or GEMS software) be used to generate the Statement of Votes. The Statement of Votes must include the name of county, the name of the jurisdiction, the precinct number, the election date, office titles, the names of candidates seeking each office, the headings of ballot questions, and the full text of all ballot questions.

In addition, the Statement of Votes must include:

- The total number of votes cast for each office.
- The total number of votes cast for each office by precinct.
- The total number of votes given to each person under each office by precinct.
- The total number of votes cast on each proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question.
- The total number of votes cast on each proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot question by precinct.
- The total number of votes cast in favor of and the number of votes cast against each proposed amendment or other ballot question.
- The total number of votes cast in favor of and the number of votes cast against each proposed amendment or other ballot question by precinct.

**NOTE:** For each category listed above, the number of votes must be written out in words at length (alpha) and the number of votes must also be stated in figures (numeric). MCL 168.825

As current versions of the EMS software cannot produce all of the required components of the Statement of Votes, the computer generated vote totals report from the software must be supplemented with three additional documents:

• Addendum 1 – Total number of votes received by each candidate written out in words at length (alpha).

- Addendum 2 The headings of ballot questions, the full text of ballot questions, and the total number of votes cast in favor and number of votes cast against each proposed constitutional amendment or other ballot questions written out in words at length (alpha).
- Addendum 3 Write-In Vote Certification Report.

#### Statement of Votes - Sample Unity software generated vote totals

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## Statement of Votes – Sample Addendum 1 (Offices)

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and	they were given for the following named	•	┰		$\vdash$		T
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2.	JULIUS J. TRAPP	TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX			2	5	6
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
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The	whole number of votes given by the REI	PUBLICAN Party for candidates for the office of DISTRICT #2 COMMISSIONE	<u> </u>				
was	FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE				5	6	5
and t	they were given for the following named persons RECEIVING THE VOTES	persons:  NOMBER OF VOTES WRITTEN IN WORDS	$\exists$				
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2.	CHUCK TRAPP	THREE HUNDRED TWO		-	3	0	2
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## Statement of Votes – Sample Addendum 2 (Proposals)

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The whole number of votes given for and against the					5
Road Patrol Operating Millage (Renewal)					
Shail the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Newaygo County, Michigan, be renewed and the County authorized to levy one (1) mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2007 - 2016, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing operating millage to the County of Newaygo for the operation of Road Patrol, investigative and emergency services of the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department? Said Millage, if approved, will provide estimated revenue of \$1,311,490.00 in the first calendar year after its approval.					
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of which number FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN		4	3	1	9
votes were marked YES	il de				
and ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIGHTY-TWO		1	5	8	2
votes were marked NO	200			101	
TOTAL VOTES		5	9	0	1
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Commission on Aging Operating Millage (Renewal)  Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Newaygo County, Michigan, be renewed and the County authorized to levy .5 mill (\$.50 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of ten (10) years, 2007 - 2016, inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing operating millage for the continuation of the senior citizen services through the Newaygo County Commission on Aging? Said Millage, if approved, will provide estimated revenue of \$655,745.00 in the first calendar year after its approval.		X.			
was FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTEEN		5	9	1	5
of which number FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN		4	8	1	0
votes were marked YES					#4
and ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE		1	1	0	5
votes were marked NO					
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#### Statement of Votes – Sample Addendum 3 (Write-in Votes)

		State of Mich Write-In Vote Certific	eation Report		
ume of County:			Election Date:		<u> </u>
Jurisdiction Name	Precinct Number	Name of Candidate	Office Sought	Total Votes for Precinct	Total Votes fo Candidate
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#### **WRITE-INS**

#### Entry of Write-In Votes on the County Canvassers' Report

The entry of write-in votes on the County Canvassers' Report requires special consideration. Election inspectors are instructed to record write-in votes exactly as they were cast. For example, the Board of County Canvassers may find that the following write-in votes were cast for a particular office:

John A. Smith – County Treasurer – 16 votes. Jon Smith – County Treasurer – 2 votes J.A. Smith – County Treasurer – 1 vote J. Smithe – County Treasurer – 1 vote. It is the Board of County Canvassers' responsibility to review all write-in votes and determine how they are to be counted. In *Petrie v Curtis*, 387 Mich 436 (1972), the Michigan Supreme Court stated:

"Where the intent of the voter as expressed by his ballot, when considered in the light of such surrounding circumstances, is not doubtful, the ballot should be counted and allowed for the person intended."

Consequently, the Board may accept variations in the spelling of a write-in candidate's name if the candidate's identity can be determined without doubt.

#### "Declaration of Intent" Requirement

An individual who wishes to seek nomination or election to a federal, state, county, city, township or school office with write-in votes is required to file a "declaration of intent" with the appropriate election official by 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the election. The local clerk is responsible for notifying the precinct board of any write-in candidates who filed a declaration of intent in a timely manner.

- A write-in vote cast for an individual who has **not** filed a declaration of intent **does not count**. Similarly, a write-in vote cast for an individual who filed a declaration of intent does not count unless the office for which the write-in vote was cast corresponds to the office identified on the declaration of intent; if a partisan primary, a write-in vote cast for an individual who filed a declaration of intent does not count unless the **office and party** correspond. Precinct boards do not record write-in votes which do not count for the above stated reasons.
- The declaration of intent requirement is **waived** if a candidate appearing on the ballot for the office involved dies or is otherwise disqualified on or after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday immediately preceding the election. If the waiver is invoked, the precinct boards involved are instructed to record all write-in votes cast for the office including any write-in votes cast for candidates who did not file a declaration of intent.

#### Determining if a Write-In Candidate Has Been Nominated or Elected

- If the office involved appears on a partisan or nonpartisan general election ballot, a write-in candidate is elected to the office if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate seeking the office; a minimum number of write-in votes is not required.
- If the office involved appears on a nonpartisan primary ballot, a write-in candidate is nominated to the office if he or she receives enough votes to qualify to move forward to the general election. In nonpartisan primaries, twice the number to be elected move forward to the general election. For example, for an office where one position is to be elected, the write-in candidate must receive enough votes to finish in first place or second place in order to be nominated. Likewise, for an

office where four positions are to be elected, a write-in candidate must receive enough votes to finish in first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, or eight place in order to be nominated; a minimum number of write-in votes is not required.

- If the office involved appears on a partisan primary ballot, a write-in candidate is nominated to the office if he or she 1) receives more votes than any other candidate seeking nomination to the position and 2) meets a vote threshold provided under Michigan election law. (MCL 168.582) Under the vote threshold formula, the number of votes received by the write-in candidate must equal the greater of the following:
  - 1) 10 votes.
  - 2) .15 of 1% (.0015) of the total population, as reflected by the last official federal census, of the district represented by the office sought by the write-in candidate.
  - 3) Apply following only if write-in candidate seeks nomination to an office for which only one candidate is to be elected: 5% (.05) of the greatest number of votes cast under the write-in candidate's party for all candidates running for any office for which only one candidate is to be elected within the district represented by the office sought by the write-in candidate.

To determine the number of votes required under this formula:

- Working with the write-in candidate's party, identify the "Vote for One" office on the ballot that received the greatest total number of votes. In a partisan primary, this office is typically a "top of the ticket" office, i.e., Governor or U.S. Senator. Do not take into consideration any office where more than one candidate is to be elected (e.g., township trustee).
- Next, determine the total number of votes received by all candidates who ran for that office within the district represented by the office sought by the write-in candidate. (For example, if the write-in candidate ran for a countywide office, it would be necessary to include all of the votes cast for all of the candidates running for the office that received the greatest number of votes within the county. If the write-in candidate ran for a township office, it would only be necessary to include all of the votes cast for all of the candidates running for the office that received the highest number of votes within the township.)

• Take 5% of that number to find the number of votes required under this formula.

EXAMPLE: Write-In candidate seeking a township clerk position.

- The office that received the greatest total number of votes under the write-in candidate's party was the office of U.S. Senator.
- The total number of votes received in the township by all candidates who ran for U.S. Senator under the write-in candidate's party was 520.
- As a result, the number of votes required under this formula is 26 (5% of 520).
- 4) Apply following only if write-in candidate seeks nomination to an office for which more than one candidate is to be elected: 5% (.05) of the greatest number of votes cast by any party on the ballot for any candidate seeking the same office as the write-in candidate.

#### **B. Certificate of Determination** (MCL 168.826)

After the Board of County Canvassers has documented the votes cast for each candidate and ballot question on the ballot, the Board must determine the winning candidate and the outcome of ballot questions for those offices and ballot questions which the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying. The offices and ballot questions which the Board is responsible for certifying are explained earlier in this manual. To complete the necessary certifications, the Board examines the vote totals for the offices and ballot questions involved. The determinations are entered on the appropriate pages in the County Canvassers' Report.

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		) ss.						
COUNTY O	F NEWAYGO	)						
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## **C. Certification of County Canvassers' Report** (MCL 168.825)

Each report must be certified by the Board of County Canvassers, under their hands and the seal of the Circuit Court of the county, and must be attested by the clerk of the board (county clerk).

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the Party for the office of  Do Further Hereby Determine
That the following Propositions or questions were passed or defeated as indicated below:
1. ROAD PATROL OPERATING RENEWAL NAME OF PROPOSITION Having Received Net Received Defeated
2. <u>COMM ON AGING OPERATING RENEWAL</u> NAME OF PROPOSITION  Having Received Sufficient votes was Passed Defeated
In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal
SEAL  of the COUNTY of NEWAYGO (COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)  this 10TH day of AUGUST
in the year TWO THOUSAND SIX .
Hallar Dian CHAIRMAN BOARD
ATTEST:  Distributer  Stanley Rusinold
Jaurel & Breuker Della Dean CLERK OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS LAUREL J. BREUKER CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF CANVASSERS LAUREL J. BREUKER

#### D. Additional Notes Regarding County Canvassers' Report

- Sample copies of EMS generated Statements of Votes along with addendum documents are available in the Appendix.
- If the County Canvassers' Report has been prepared for the Board by computer or other means, the Board is responsible for checking the figures to verify that no mistakes appear on the form.
- In counties where the County Canvassers' Report is completed by hand, it is recommended that
  two County Canvassers' Reports be completed by two teams working independently. The two
  reports are then checked against one another to verify the accuracy of the figures entered on
  the forms. (The second team should not complete the second County Canvassers' Report by
  copying the figures from the first County Canvassers' Report as this would defeat the purpose
  of the procedure!)
- Regardless of the procedures used in the county to produce the County Canvassers' Report, it is
  essential that each candidate and question voted on in each precinct is listed; all figures are
  accurate; all math is accurate; and all entries are legible.

TRANSMITTING DETERMINATIONS, COUNTY VOTE TOTALS AND PRECINCT RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE (STATE VOTE TOTALS FORM): The canvass of a state primary or general election includes the preparation of documents for the transmission of pertinent data to the Secretary of State. The Election Night Reporting (e-ENR) program used by county clerks to electronically transmit unofficial election night returns for federal and state level offices is also used to transmit the official returns to the Secretary of State following the completion of the county canvass.

- The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for forwarding to the Secretary of State any
  determinations made on U.S. Representative, State Senate and State House races. (As explained
  earlier, a Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying a primary or election held in a
  U.S. Representative, State Senate, or State House district if the district is wholly contained within
  the county.)
- After each statewide primary or election, the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for forwarding to the Secretary of State 1) the total vote cast in the county 2) the total vote cast in the county for each candidate seeking any of the offices listed below and 3) the total "YES" and "NO" vote cast in the county for any statewide proposals on the ballot.

The e-ENR program must be used to transmit the vote totals to the Secretary of State. Following electronic transmission, a paper copy of the official e-ENR canvass report must be printed, certified and forwarded to the Bureau of Elections within 24 hours after the completion of the canvass.

**NOTE:** Instructions for using the e-ENR program for election night reporting and to generate the official results that must be transmitted to the Secretary of State following the canvass are available in the Appendix. A sample e-ENR report is also included in the Appendix.

The vote totals provided electronically and on the printed report are used by the Board of State Canvassers to complete the certification of the primary or election for the following offices:

President and Vice-President; Governor and Lieutenant Governor; U.S. Senator: U.S. Representative in Congress; Secretary of State; Attorney General; State Senator; State Representative; Supreme Court Justice; State Board of Education Member; University of Michigan Regent; Michigan State University Trustee; Wayne State University Governor; Court of Appeals Judge; Circuit Court Judge; District Court Judge; and Probate District Judge (multi-county district).

#### Sample State Vote Totals Form (e-ENR Report)

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau Of Elections P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901 Phone: (517) 373–2540

County: ALGER

County Code: (02)

#### OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS

(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Return To: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Bureau Of Elections

P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901 Phone: (517) 373- 2540

#### IMPORTANT

#### FIVE STEPS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

- Check for candidate name omissions on this form by comparing it against the candidate names printed on the county's ballots.
   If an omission is found, contact the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing.
- 2.) Enter all totals in words and numerals. Example: Three Hundred twenty—one (321). Do not fail to enter the county's Poll Book total below. When entering total number of votes cast for all candidates for a particular office, DO NOT include write—in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.
- 3.) Double check all entries for errors. There can be no descrepancies in the totals recorded on this form, the totals entered on the Official County Canvassers' Statement and the precinct results certified for your county. Complete accuracy is of extreme importance as the totals entered on this form represent the official record of the election.
- 4.) After completing the form, affix all required signatures and county seal on the last page.
- 5.) Mail the original copy of this form to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections as soon as it is completed.

#### POLL BOOK TOTAL

The TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE voting at this election as shown by the POLL BOOK

was ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE

(1855).

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE	OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS		
Bureau Of Elections P.O. Box 20126	(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)		
Lansing, Michigan 48901	Primary Election		
Phone: (517) 373-2540	Tuesday, August 8, 2006		
County: ALGER (02) (Office Code	e: 02000000):		
Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position			
		Numb	er of Vo
REP DeVos, Dick	received THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO	votes.	3
REP Write-In Boven, Louis C.	received ZERO	votes.	
DEM Granholm, Jennifer M.	received ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT	votes.	117
The total number of votes cast for (Office	e Code: 02000000):		
Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position			
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Official County Vote Totals		
Bureau Of Elections	Official County Vote Totals (Summary of County Canvassers' Statement)		
P.O. Box 20126	(Summary of County Canvassers' Statement)  Primary Election		
Lansing, Michigan 48901			

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau Of Elections P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901 Phone: (517) 373-2540	Official County Vote Totals (Summary of County Canvassers' Statement) Primary Election Tuesday, August 8, 2006
State of Michigan County of ALGER ss.	
We Hereby Certify, That the foregoing is a corre- in such County for the indicated candidates at the of the County Clerk.	ect transcript of the Statement of the Board of County Canvassers, of the County of ALGER, of the votes give Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, as appears from the original statement on file in the office
In Witness Whereof, We have h	nereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court
for the County of ALGER this _	day of,
	Board of County
	Canvassers'
	Signatures
	Attest:
	Attest:
(Seal)	Clerk of the Board of County Canvassers
(Scar)	•
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In addition to the above transmission, the Board of County Canvassers is responsible for forwarding
to the Secretary of State after each statewide primary or election 1) the total vote cast in each
precinct in the county 2) the total vote cast in each precinct in the county for each candidate
seeking any of the offices listed below and 3) the total "YES" and "NO" vote cast in each precinct in
the county for any statewide proposals on the ballot.

The form used to transmit the precinct results can be a photocopy of the appropriate pages of the County Canvassers' Report for the offices listed below.

Like the county's vote totals, the precinct results must be forwarded to the Bureau of Elections within 24 hours after the completion of the canvass. The precinct results provided by each county are used by the Department of State's Bureau of Elections to compile statewide results by precinct for the offices and guestions involved. (MCLA 168.812)

President and Vice-President;
Governor and Lieutenant Governor;
U.S. Senator;
U.S. Representative in Congress;
Secretary of State;
Attorney General;
State Senator;
State Representative;
State Representative;
State Board of Education Member;
University of Michigan Regent;
Michigan State University Trustee;
Wayne State University Governor;
Supreme Court Justice.

TRANSMITTING VOTE TOTALS AND PRECINCT RESULTS TO LOCAL LEVELS: The canvass of a county or local primary or election includes the preparation of documents for the transmission of the results of the canvass to the appropriate local officials.

- If a county primary or general election is involved, additional documentation of the canvass is not necessary as the county clerk will have access to all of the original documents used and prepared at the canvass.
- If a city or township primary or general election is involved, the Board of County Canvassers sends the election official who administered the election (city clerk or township clerk) copies of the appropriate pages of the County Canvassers' Report to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate and for and against each question on the ballot; a precinct breakdown of the vote

totals; and the determinations made by the Board. The preparation of additional documents may be required. Arrangements for the completion of any additional documents are made by the county clerk with the local official involved.

- If a school election is involved, the Board of County Canvassers completes and sends to the school
  district's election coordinator a specially prepared document to certify the total number of votes
  cast for each candidate and for and against each question on the ballot. The document may be
  supplied by the county clerk or the law firm that represents the school district. In addition, the
  following procedure is followed:
  - A copy of the election certification is sent to the county treasurer along with two acknowledgement forms. The county treasurer completes the acknowledgement forms and returns them to the county clerk. The county clerk forwards the completed forms to the school district's election coordinator.
  - o In addition, the county clerk provides the school district's election coordinator with two acknowledgement statements to confirm that a certification of the election was provided to the school district and to the county treasurer.
  - The school district provides a copy of the election certification to the intermediate school district and to the clerk of each city, township and village in the school district. In addition, the school district provides its law firm with any requested documentation.

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BREAKING TIE VOTES: In those rare instances where it is revealed through the county canvass that two candidates are tied for nomination or election to an office certified by the Board, the tie is determined by a drawing. (A tie vote on a ballot question defeats the ballot question; a tie breaking procedure is not followed.) As an initial step, the Board consults with the county clerk to establish a date when the tied candidates and all interested parties can assemble in the office of the county clerk to participate in the drawing. Upon the establishment of a date, the Board sends notice of the meeting to the candidates and interested parties. At the meeting, the county clerk writes the word "ELECTED" on a slip of paper and the words "NOT ELECTED" on an identical slip of paper. Both of the slips are folded so that the words written on them cannot be seen and the two slips are indistinguishable from one another. Each candidate then draws one of the slips from a box. The candidate who draws the slip which bears the word "ELECTED" is deemed legally elected to the office involved. (MCLA 168.851)

- If an affected candidate fails to appear at the meeting, the county clerk has the authority to appoint any person present to draw a slip for the absent candidate.
- If the office of county clerk is involved, the drawing must be conducted before the county sheriff.
- The defeated candidate may petition for a recount of the votes cast on the office if he or she feels that a mistake has occurred in the canvass of the votes.
- It is recommended that a written record of the drawing be kept by the county clerk.

RELEASE OF RESULTS: After a general election, the county clerk is required to send the votes cast for candidates seeking the office of state senator or state representative to the newspapers in the county **if the office was certified by the Board of County Canvassers.** (MCLA 168.172) (As explained earlier, a Board of County Canvassers is responsible for certifying an election held in a state senate or state house district if the district is wholly contained within the county.) In all other instances, the county clerk may at his or her discretion notify the local media of the results of primaries and elections held in the county. (MCLA 168.826)

ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTIONS: After a federal, state, county, city, township or village election canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers, the county clerk is responsible for sending all candidates declared elected to office by the Board a certificate of election. (MCLA 168.826) After a school election canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers, the school district's "election coordinator" is required to notify each elected candidate of his or her election to office. (MCL 168.309 as amended under PA 288 of 2004).

## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

State of Michigan County of Eaton

I, Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Election held on May 6, 2008, Martha Brunger Parks having received a sufficient number of votes was elected to the office of Library Board Member of the Grand Ledge Area District Library as determined by the Board of County Canvassers of Eaton County.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the County of Eaton, this Friday, May 9, 2008.

SEAL

Fran Fuller Eaton County Clerk **ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION:** After a federal, state, county, city or township primary canvassed by the Board of County Canvassers, the county clerk <u>may choose</u> to send all candidates who received party nominations to office by the Board a Certificate of Nomination.

## CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

Gerrit W. Vander Kamp 11412 E. Indian Lake Drive Vicksburg MI 49097

State of Michigan }
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County of Kalamazoo }

I, Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Primary Election held on August 8, 2006, Gerrit W. Vander Kamp receiving a sufficient number of votes, received the Republican Party nomination to the office of Brady Township Trustee, as determined by the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court for said County, this 15th day of August 2006.

{ Seal }

Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk

DISPOSITION OF CANVASS DOCUMENTS: The original County Canvassers' Report executed by the Board of County Canvassers and all determinations made by the Board are forwarded to the county clerk. The materials are kept by the county clerk as a permanent record of the canvass. (MCLA 168.826) All of the other records used by the Board to complete the canvass are retained by the county clerk for two years after the primary or election. (MCLA 168.811)

## **CHAPTER 7** RECOUNTS

RECOUNTS: A candidate for a federal, state, county, city, township, village or school office who feels that the canvass of the votes cast on the office is incorrect because of fraud or error in the precinct returns may petition for a recount of the votes cast in the precincts involved. Candidates seeking a precinct delegate position do not have the right to petition for a recount. (MCLA 168.862)

In addition, a registered elector who voted at an election at which a question appeared on the ballot, who feels that the canvass of the votes cast on the question is incorrect because of fraud or error in the precinct returns may petition for a recount of the votes cast in the precincts involved. (MCLA 168.863)

#### Recounts Conducted Under Authority of COUNTY CANVASSING BOARDS (MCLA 168.24e):

The Board of County Canvassers is responsible for conducting recounts for:

- County, city, township, village and school offices.
- Probate Judge in single county districts and Municipal Court Judge.
- County, city, township, village and school ballot proposals.

#### Recounts Conducted Under the Authority of the BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS (MCLA 168.879):

The Board of State Canvassers is responsible for conducting recounts for:

- Statewide offices.
- U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative.
- Judicial offices (except Probate Judge in single county districts and Municipal Court Judge).
- Statewide ballot proposals.

**PETITION:** A person who wishes to obtain a recount must submit a written, notarized statement which specifies the office or question involved; alleges that the canvass of the vote cast for the office or on the question is in error; and identifies the precincts in which a recount of the votes cast is desired. (MCL 168.865) The written statement is commonly referenced as a "recount petition."

DEPOSIT: A deposit must be submitted with a recount petition for each precinct in which a recount is requested. The deposit amount is either \$25 per precinct or \$125 per precinct depending on the vote differential between the petitioner and winning candidate (or, in the case of a proposal, the differential between Yes and No votes). The deposit is refunded if the recount changes the outcome of the election. If the recount does not change the result of the election, the deposit is kept by the county. The required per-precinct deposit amount is determined as follows (MCL 168.867):

- \$25 per precinct; or
- \$125 per precinct, if the official canvass of votes shows that the number separating the winning candidate and the petitioner is more than 50 votes, or 0.5% of the total number of votes cast in the race, whichever is greater. Note:
  - o If more than one candidate is to be elected to the office, the applicable vote differential is between the petitioner and the winning candidate who received the least number of votes. The 0.5% figure is calculated based on the sum of the number of votes received by the petitioner and the winning candidate who received the least number of votes.
  - In the case of a proposal, the applicable vote differential is between the "Yes" and the "No" votes. The 0.5% figure is calculated based on the total number of votes cast on the proposal.

PETITION FILING LOCATION AND DEADLINES: A recount petition is filed with the clerk of the board of canvassers that certified the office or ballot question. (EXCEPTION: A petition for a recount of the votes cast for the office of Representative in Congress, State Senator or State Representative is filed with the Secretary of State – even if the office is certified on the county level.) The petition for a recount to be conducted by the state board of canvassers must be received no later than <u>forty-eight hours</u> following the completion of the state canvass. If the recount petition is filed on the county level, it must be received by the clerk no later than the <u>sixth day</u> after the completion of the county canvass. If the recount petition is filed on the county level, a copy of the petition must be forwarded to the Secretary of State within two (2) days after its receipt. (MCLA 168.866)

NOTICE REQUIREMENT and COUNTER PETITIONING OPTION: Within 24 hours after the receipt of a recount petition filed by a candidate, the clerk receiving the petition is required to give notice of the filing to opposing candidates who sought nomination or election to the office involved. (If a large number of candidates was involved in the race, notice is only required to the two candidates who received the lowest number of votes among those candidates who were nominated or

elected, and the 2 candidates who received the highest number of votes among those candidates who were not nominated or elected.) (MCL 168.868)

A candidate receiving such a notice may submit a "counter petition" if he or she wishes to have additional precincts recounted. (The counter petitioning option is most if the original petition requests that the entire district be recounted.) A counter petition must be submitted within 48 hours after the submission of the original petition. The per-precinct deposit is calculated in the same manner as described above. (MCL 168.868)

A copy of the counter petition must be forwarded to the Secretary of State within four (4) days after its receipt. (MCL 168.868)

CONDUCT OF RECOUNT: Upon the receipt of a recount petition on the county level, the Board of County Canvassers is summoned by the county clerk to conduct the recount. If the recount involves a county or district office or ballot question, the Board cannot begin the recount until after the county clerk has determined whether the county must participate in any recounts requested on the state level. If a recount petition has been filed on the state level which involves the county, the conduct of both recounts (the recount requested on the county level and the recount requested on the state level) are coordinated through the Department of State's Bureau of Elections.

A recount is conducted as provided under Michigan election law (MCLA 168.841 – 894) and Promulgated Rules for Electronic Voting Systems (R 168.793).

## THREE SCENARIOS CAUSING PRECINCT TO BE NOT RECOUNTABLE:

- The seal is NOT placed on the ballot container in such a way to ensure that ballots cannot be inserted or removed from the container without breaking the seal or damaging the container.
- The number on the ballot container seal does NOT agree with the number recorded in the Poll Book, Statement of Votes <u>or</u> ballot container certificate that is signed, dated and attested to by two election inspectors who have expressed a preference for different political parties.
- The total number of ballots, as reflected by a physical count, does NOT agree with the number of voters as shown in the Poll Book and an acceptable explanation as to the reason for the discrepancy cannot be identified. (In making this determination it is important that all efforts

be made to identify the reason for the discrepancy, including a review of the following: 1) spoiled and/or defective ballots 2) duplicate ballots and corresponding original ballots 3) provisional envelope ballots 4) remarks page notations and 5) Statement of Votes (Totals Tape)).

Note: If a discrepancy is found that cannot be explained and it is found that the number of ballots counted corresponds to the total number of ballots tabulated on election night as reflected on the Totals Tape, the precinct is recountable. In such an instance:

• If the number of voter names entered in the Poll Book exceeds the number of ballots counted, it is apparent that certain voters entered in the Poll Book left the precinct without voting.

If the number of ballots counted exceeds the number of names entered in the Poll Book, it is apparent that the precinct board failed to enter the names of certain voters in the Poll Book.

REFUND OF RECOUNT DEPOSIT: If the results of the recount change the result of the election, the deposit is refunded to the petitioner. If the results of the recount do not change the result of the election, the deposit is retained by the county. If a counter petition was filed and the recount does not change the result of the election, the counter-petitioner's deposit is refunded. (MCL 168.867, 868)

In addition, if a precinct is determined to be 'not recountable', or not recounted due to the withdrawal of the recount petition, the money deposited for the recount of that precinct shall be refunded to the petitioner. If the votes cast in a precinct have been examined and recounted, the withdrawal of the recount petition shall not result in a refund of the deposit. (MCL 168.867)

COST OF RECOUNT: If a Board of County Canvassers recounts the votes cast on a city, township, village or school office or on a question, the expense of conducting the recount is charged back to the local unit. The local unit is then responsible for paying the expenses to the county treasurer. (MCLA 168.869)

The following recount materials are provided in the Appendix for your review:

- Petition for Recount
- Recount Fee Worksheet
- Pre-Recount Meeting Agenda

- Optical Scan Validity Standards
- Challenge Exhibit Envelope/Form
- Recount Statement of Returns Form Instructions
- Recount Statement of Returns
- Determination Precinct Not Recountable
- Post-Recount Meeting Agenda
- Recount Statement of Precincts

SPECIAL GUIDANCE FOR TWO-PAGE BALLOTS: Determining Recountability (Candidate recount, race appears on Page 1 of two-page ballot)

There are three scenarios that can cause a precinct to be determined unrecountable:

- 1. The seal is NOT placed on the ballot container in such a way to ensure that ballots cannot be inserted or removed from the container without breaking the seal or damaging the container.
- 2. The number on the ballot container seal does NOT agree with the number recorded in the Poll Book, Statement of Votes or ballot container certificate that is signed, dated and attested to by two election inspectors who have expressed a preference for different political parties.
- 3. The total number of ballots, as reflected by a physical count, does NOT agree with the number of voters as shown in the Poll Book and an acceptable explanation as to the reason for the discrepancy cannot be identified. (In making this determination it is important that all efforts be made to identify the reason for the discrepancy, including a review of the following: 1) spoiled and/or defective ballots 2) duplicate ballots and corresponding original ballots 3) provisional envelope ballots 4) remarks page notations and 5) Statement of Votes (Totals Tape)).

Note: If a discrepancy is found that cannot be explained and it is found that the number of ballots counted corresponds to the total number of ballots tabulated on election night as reflected on the Totals Tape, the precinct is recountable. In such an instance:

- If the number of voter names entered in the Poll Book exceeds the number of ballots counted, it is apparent that certain voters entered in the Poll Book left the precinct without voting.
- If the number of ballots counted exceeds the number of names entered in the Poll Book, it is apparent that the precinct board failed to enter the names of certain voters in the Poll Book.
- In the case of two-page ballots, processes related to recountability scenarios 1 and 2 above are unaffected. With regard to the process for determining recountability under scenario #3 (the total number of ballots), the same standards apply that is, the physical count of ballots must agree with the total number of voters listed in the pollbook, OR the total number of ballots tabulated according to the tabulator totals tape.
- In the case of a candidate recount with the race in question appearing on Page 1 of the twopage ballot, only Page 1 is involved in the recount process. This concept is further reinforced in the recountability scenarios, given the fact that the total number of voters as reflected on the tabulator tape reflects a count of Page 1 ballots.
- Page 2 ballots are not involved in the physical count or recount of two-page ballots in the case of a candidate recount, as the race to be recounted is found on Page 1 and the required ballot balancing procedures only involve Page 1.

While conducting the physical count of ballots during a recount for a candidate race involving a twopage ballot:

- Confirm that both recountability scenarios 1 and 2 above are satisfied; that is:
  - The container is properly sealed/secured in such a way to ensure that ballots cannot be inserted or removed from the container without breaking the seal or damaging the container.
  - The seal number on the ballot container seal agrees with the number recorded in the Poll Book, Statement of Votes or ballot container certificate that is signed, dated and attested to by two election inspectors who have expressed a preference for different political parties.

- Open the ballot container and physically separate and sort Page 1 and Page 2 ballots.
- Page 2 ballots should be returned to the ballot container once they are separated from the Page 1 ballots.
- Conduct a physical count of Page 1 ballots only.
- If the physical count of Page 1 ballots matches the total number of voters listed in the pollbook, OR the total number of ballots tabulated according to the tabulator totals tape, the precinct is recountable.

## PETITION FOR A RECOUNT

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(County) Board of Canvassers for a recount of						
(Office/District/Party or Question) at the						
were committed by the precinct election insp	•					t the
above referenced election. An additional exp	olanation of the frau	ud or	error i	s provided (o <sub>l</sub>	otional):	
I request that the following precinct(s) and/	or absent voter co	untin	g boar	d (AVCB) pre	cinct(s) w	ithin
the listed jurisdictions be recounted:						
Precinct/AVCB Name of Jurisdiction						
Number						
(List additional precincts on the back or attack	h additional sheets	)				
My deposit of \$ is enclosed.						
Signature of Candidate/Voter:						
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	Name of Notary:					
day of20						
County:						
(Signature of Notary Public) Commiss	sion Expires					

#### **RECOUNT DEPOSIT WORKSHEET**

#### **Candidate Section**

One candidate elected or nominated:	
Total number of votes case in race	
Total vote differential between winning candidate and petitioner	(1)
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% (.005) times total votes case in the race	(2)
If line (2) is greater than 50, enter line (2) amount here	
(3a)	
If line (2) is less than or equal to 50, enter 50 here	
(3b)	
Enter the higher number of 3a or 3b	(3)
If line (1) is less than or equal to line (3), deposit is \$25.00 per precinct. If line (1) is greater than line (3), deposit is \$125.00 per precinct.	

#### More than one candidate elected or nominated:

Total number of votes cast for petitioner and winning candidate With least number of votes combined	
Vote differential between winning candidate with lease number of votes and petitioner	(1)
½ of 1% (.005) times total votes case for petitioner and winning candidate with least number of votes combined	(2)
If line (2) is greater than 50, enter line (2) amount here	
(3a)	
If line (2) is less than or equal to 50, enter 50 here	
(3b)	
Enter the higher number of 3a or 3b	(3)
If line (1) is less than or equal to line (3), deposit is \$25.00 per precinct.	

If line (1) is greater than line (3), deposit is \$125.00 per precinct.

#### **Ballot Question Section**

Total number of votes case on proposal	
Total vote differential between "yes" and "no" votes	(1)
½ of 1% (.005) times total votes case on proposal	(2)
If line (2) is greater than 50, enter line (2) amount here	
(3a)	
If line (2) is less than or equal to 50, enter 50 here	
(3b)	
Enter the higher number of 3a or 3b	(3)

If line (1) is less than or equal to line (3), deposit is \$25.00 per precinct. If line (1) is greater than line (3), deposit is \$125.00 per precinct.

#### **CHAPTER 8** SPECIAL MAIL ELECTIONS

The vote cast on an office or a ballot question is void if it can be proven under the procedures detailed below that a "defect in or a mechanical malfunction of a voting device, ballot or other election equipment or material" could have made a difference in the outcome of the election. A special mail election is then conducted to correct the matter. (MCLA 168.831 – 839)

- If an office is involved, the procedures for conducting a special mail election are not initiated unless a candidate affected by the problem files a petition which requests that a special mail election be held. If a ballot question is involved, the procedures for conducting a special mail election are not initiated unless a registered elector who participated in the election (as evidenced by the Poll Book) files a petition which requests that a special mail election be held. (MCLA 168.832)
- A petition making such a request must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of the election with the clerk or secretary of the board of canvassers that certified the office or ballot question. (MCLA 168.832) (Note that the petition filing deadline could fall before the completion of the canvass.) The petition must describe the problem which may have affected the outcome of the vote on the office or ballot question; identify the precincts involved; list the number appearing on the voting device(s) involved (if applicable); and be signed and certified by the candidate or registered elector as appropriate. (MCLA 168.833)
- If a petition requesting a special mail election is filed on the county level, the county clerk reviews its contents to determine whether it complies with the requirements noted above. If the requirements have been met, the county clerk schedules a meeting of the Board of County Canvassers. The meeting must be held within five (5) days after the filing of the petition. The county clerk must contact the following persons by phone or a first class letter to advise them of the time and place of the meeting (MCLA 168.835):
  - The appropriate local election official.
  - If an office on a special, general or nonpartisan ballot is involved: All other candidates who sought the same office.
  - If an office on a partisan primary ballot is involved: All other candidates who sought nomination to the same office under the same party vignette.

- If a ballot question is involved: The sponsor of the ballot question, any Ballot Question Committees organized to support or oppose the proposal, and the registered elector who filed the petition.
- When the meeting is held, the Board of County Canvassers reviews the facts involved and orders that a special mail election be held in each precinct affected by a "defect in or a mechanical malfunction of a voting device, ballot or other election equipment or material" if the following is established: 1) an elector could not cast a valid vote in the precinct for the petitioning candidate or for or against the ballot question because of the defect or mechanical malfunction and 2) based on the available canvass, the number of electors who could not cast valid votes for the office or for or against the ballot question because of the defect or mechanical malfunction is greater than the number of votes separating the candidates getting the most and the second most number of votes or is greater than the number of votes separating the total "YES" votes and the total "NO" votes. (MCLA 168.836)
- If a special election is ordered by the Board of County Canvassers, mail ballots are sent to the electors who voted in the affected precinct(s) by the clerk of the city or township in which the precinct or precincts are located. The ballots must be sent within five (5) calendar days after the order for the special mail election is issued by the Board of County Canvassers. A note from the Board of County Canvassers must be included with each ballot which requests the elector to vote on the office or question as he or she voted (or attempted to vote) in the primary or election. (MCLA 168.837) It is important to note that the special mail ballots are sent to only those electors who actually voted in the precinct or precincts involved at the primary or election. If the absent voter ballots cast in the precinct were not affected, the special mail ballots are not sent to the absentee voters.
- The electors who are sent special mail ballots have five (5) calendar days to return them. (MCLA 168.837) The ballots are counted by a specially convened counting board. If the absent voter ballots cast in the precinct were not affected, the votes cast on the office or question by the precinct's absent voters must be added to the tally of the special mail ballots. (MCLA 168.838)
- A recount of the votes cast under the special mail election provisions cannot be requested. (MCLA 168.839)

### **CHAPTER 9** BALLOT CONTAINER INSPECTIONS

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•	Ballot container	tywide ballot container inspection by June 1 of "approved" and "disapproved" stickers are lections. (MCLA 168.24j)
THIS BALLOT CONTAINER APPROVED UNTIL MAY  By the County Boar for the storage of ballots in accordance wi of Public Act 207 of 2000.  Date	31, 2018 of Canvassers th the provisions	
ED 4 (11/13). Authority Granted By P.A. 118 of 1954	MICHIGAN DEPT. OF STATE	
THIS BALLOT CONTAINER HAS BEEN APPROVED UNTIL MAY 31, 2018		Date
By the County Board of Canvassers for the storage of ballots in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 207 of 2000.		
Michigan Department of State		ED 4T (08/2013) Authority Granted by PA 116 of 1954

## NOT APPROVED FOR USE AS A BALLOT CONTAINER

By the	County Board of Canvassers	5
Date		_
ED 4-DA (2/06) Authority Granted By P.A. 1	16 of 1954 MICHIGAN DEPT. OF STAT	TE

All ballot containers owned by the county and the cities, townships, villages and school districts located within the county must be included in the inspection. The term "ballot container" is used to mean any containers used to transport and secure optical scan ballots, electronic voting system programs and test data or any other materials which must be retained under security.

Notwithstanding the June 1 deadline for conducting the ballot container inspections, it is important to note that if a city, township or village conducts an election on the May election date, the ballot containers owned by the jurisdiction must <u>not</u> be inspected until the ballot security period for the May election has elapsed. (The ballot security period elapses 30 days after the election is certified.) As an exception, if the ballots cast at the May election are subject to a vote recount after the election, the county canvassing board may perform the ballot container inspections during the conduct of the recount.

# CONDUCT OF BALLOT CONTAINER INSPECTIONS — CANVASSING BOARD QUORUM REQUIRED:

- At least three members of the Board of County Canvassers must be present during the inspections and approval of the ballot containers used in the county.
- While the Board of County Canvassers may designate assistants to help with the ballot container
  inspections, the performance of the task <u>cannot</u> be delegated to individuals enlisted to assist with
  the task. As indicated above, at least three members of the Board of County Canvassers must be
  present whenever the ballot container inspections are being carried out.

APPROVAL STICKERS AND TAGS: An "approved" sticker or tag must be affixed to every ballot container that passes the Board of Canvassers' inspection.

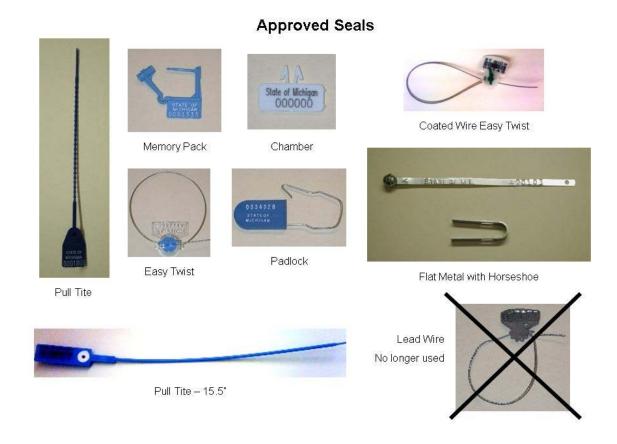
If the Board of County Canvassers inspects a ballot container that cannot be approved, the Board should place a sticker on the container which states: "NOT APPROVED FOR USE AS A BALLOT CONTAINER."

#### **APPROVAL STANDARDS:**

**TRADITIONAL BALLOT CANS:** Michigan election law specified that a ballot container must have an "...opening through the inside lid of the proper size to admit a single ballot...." The law further states that ballot containers "...shall be provided with a second cover or a metal or wooden device for closing the opening to prevent access without unlocking the ballot box and breaking the seal." See MCL 168.669.

**TRANSFER CASES:** The rules promulgated to administer electronic voting systems state that a transfer case must be "...capable of being sealed with a metal seal...." See Rule 168.771(1)(bb)

**CONTAINERS USED TO SECURE AND TRANSPORT OPTICAL SCAN BALLOT MEMORY UNITS AND TEST DATA:** While such containers are available in a wide variety of shaped and sizes, the containers must be capable of being sealed with an approved seal which after being attached to the container, prevents access to the container without breaking the seal or damaging the container.



#### **DUAL-SIDED BALLOT CONTAINERS — SEALING PROCEDURES:**

#### **Important Policy Regarding Use of "Dual Seal" Ballot Containers**

If any of the local jurisdictions in your county use the "dual seal" ballot containers produced by Business Records Corporation (see illustration below), please alert your canvassing board members and the local clerks who employ the containers that the containers <u>cannot</u> be approved unless:

- the small door is permanently sealed with a state-issued 15 ½ inch Pull Tite seal or a horseshoe and a state-issued metal Globe seal; and
- a completed ballot container tag that documents the serial number appearing on the permanent seal securing the small door, the date the small door was sealed and the individuals who sealed the small door is <u>taped to the inside of the large door</u>.

Small door: permanently seal with a state-issued Pull Tight seal or a horseshoe and a state-issued metal Globe seal.



Large door: tape completed ballot container tag <u>inside</u> large door.

#### Important Note Regarding the Approval of Ballot Containers Manufactured by Douglas

In 2002 all county clerks were alerted that the two ballot containers listed below are not fully "tamper resistant" as required under Michigan election law. Specifically, the sides of the containers can be pushed in to the point where a ballot can be inserted into the container without breaking the seal on the container.

Manufacturer	Model	Description
Douglas	DOSB-3	Square blue metal ballot container.
Douglas	DSN-1	Square silver metal ballot container.

If any of the jurisdictions in your county use the ballot containers referenced above, please alert your canvassing board members and the local clerks who employ the containers that the containers <u>cannot</u> be approved unless they have been modified to ensure that they are fully "tamper resistant." As explained in the memo distributed on this matter in 2002, the ballot containers can be modified using one of the three methods below:

- Drill holes on each side of the container large enough to affix additional seals. Two additional seals must be used with this solution; all three seals must be recorded in the Poll Book.
- Affix double sided poster board tape to the inside of the lid. The tape should be placed approximately one half inch from the inside container wall. The tape may be purchased from most office supply stores.
- Purchase a "retro fit" kit from the manufacturer or an election supply vendor.

#### Ballot Container and Seal Photos Available on Web Site

Photographs of the ballot containers and seals approved for use in Michigan are available on the Department's Web site <a href="www.Michigan/elections">www.Michigan/elections</a>. Click on 1) "Elections in Michigan" 2) "Information for Election Administrators" and 3) "Voting Equipment" (appears on dropdown menu under "Information for Election Administrators"). All seals may be ordered in the <a href="electronic center">electronic center</a>.

#### **Questions and Supply Orders**

If you have any questions or need any additional supplies for the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact this office. Requests for additional supplies should be made through the elearning Center.

#### **Election Day Transfer and Ballot Storage Containers**

Item	Manufacturer/ Distributor	Placement of County Board of Canvasser Approval Certificate	Recom- mended Seal Type
	Election	n Day Transfer Containers	
Election Security Chamber bag 19" x 13"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Election Security Chamber bag 16" x 13"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Expandable Provisional Ballot Chamber bag 16" x 13" x 2"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Provisional Ballot Chamber bag 22" x 19"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Provisional Ballot security Bag 18" x14"	Intab	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in plastic sleeve or attach to the inside of the bag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Handi – Pouch Security Bag 18" x14"	Intab	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in plastic sleeve or attach to the inside of the bag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Election Security Chamber bag 9" x 11"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Single Module Transport Chamber bag 8" x 10"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber

Item	Manufacturer/ Distributor	Placement of County Board of Canvasser Approval Certificate	Recom- mended Seal Type
Data Module Transport Chamber bag 10" x 12"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker. Place with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Memory Pouch 7" x 8.5"	Strayer/ Diebold	Use tag. Attach through zipper guard.	Padlock Easy-Twist Spring Lock

Ballot Containers			
Metal – top load		Use sticker. Attach to any flat surface.	Pull Tight Metal Globe w/ Horseshoe Easy-Twist
Metal – dual seal		Use sticker. Attach to any flat surface.	See note below.
Plastic bin 27"x 17"x 12.5"		Use sticker. Attach to any flat surface.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Collapsible Ballot Storage bag 14"x 19"x 14"	Rifkin/ MCE	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in plastic sleeve or attach to the inside of the bag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Election Security Chamber bag 14"x 19"x 14"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Election Security Chamber bag w/Wheels 14"x 19"x 14"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Election Security Chamber bag 10"x19"x12"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Light Duty Courier Chamber bag 16" x 22" x 6"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Light Duty Courier Chamber bag 14" x 18" x 4"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Ballot Transfer Flat bag 12" x 19" x 10"	Rifkin/ ES&S	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in clear plastic window.	Chamber
Duffle bag 12"x19"x10"	Strayer/ Diebold	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in plastic sleeve or attach to the inside of the bag.	Pull Tight
Titan Security Bag 22"x 6"x 16"	Intab	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker with container certificate in plastic sleeve or attach to the inside of the bag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist

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Precinct Bag on Wheels 22" x 15" x 12"	Tutto	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker on one of the plastic windows.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Precinct Bag on Wheels 24" x 18" x 12"	Tutto	Use sticker or tag. Place sticker on one of the plastic windows.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Large Collapsible Ballot Container 23" x 15" x 16"	Election Source	Use tag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
Collapsible Ballot Container w/wheels 24" x 15" x 16"	Election Source	Use tag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist
EZ Tow Collapsible Bag on Wheels 24" x 18" x 12"	Election Source	Use tag.	Pull Tight Easy-Twist

- Note: The small door on the "dual seal" ballot container must be permanently sealed with a
- 15 ½ inch Pull Tight seal or a horseshoe and a state-issued metal Globe seal. The large door can be sealed with a Padlock seal, a Pull Tight seal, an Easy-Twist seal or a horseshoe and a metal Globe seal.

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### **County Canvass Checklist**

	Jurisdiction: Pr	ecin	ct: Election Date:			
	The following records must be audited for each precinct and absent voter counting board precinct.  Note: All Corrections must be made in red					
Ро	II Book	Се	rtificate of Election Inspectors must be complete:			
	Cover page must be complete.  Chairperson's oath must be completed and signed by the chairperson and the person who administered the oath.  Group oath must be completed and signed by all inspectors and the person who administered the oath.  Clerk's Preparation Certificate must be complete and signed by the clerk or authorized assistant.  Election Inspector's Preparation Certificate must be complete and signed by all election inspectors present at the opening of the polls.		Ballot Summary section must <i>accurately</i> account for all ballots received by the board including used, unused and absent voter ballots that were delivered for processing. Note: The number of ballots issued will be greater than the number of ballots tabulated if one or more provisional "envelope" ballots were issued as these ballots are <u>not</u> tabulated. In this case, verify that the word "Envelope" appears in the list of voters section next to the name of each voter who was issued an envelope ballot. The number of envelope ballots issued plus the number of ballots tabulated must equal the total number of voters according to the Poll Book.			
	Poll list section must include the name of every voter that was issued a ballot along with the names of the voters for whom an absent voter ballot was received for processing (if applicable) along with the serial number of the ballot that was issued to the voter.	_	Ballot container seal number must be recorded and attested to by two inspectors.  If the program was removed from the tabulator, the number on the seal used to seal the transport container must be			
0	"Absentee" or "AV" must appear next to the name of each voter for whom an absent voter ballot was received for processing.  "Spoiled" must appear in the remarks column next to the	_	recorded and attested to by two inspectors.  All inspectors present at the close of the polls must sign the certificate. Check the oath section and remarks page to determine whose names should appear.			
	name of each voter for whom a replacement ballot was issued – in each case the original ballot number must be crossed out and replacement ballot number recorded.		tements of Votes h copy must contain:			
	"Envelope" or "Affidavit" must appear in the remarks column next to the name of each voter whose ballot was processed as a provisional ballot.		<b>Signed copy of the Totals Tape</b> (all inspectors present at the close of the polls must sign).  Record of all <b>write-in votes</b> as tallied in the Poll Book.			
	Challenged Voter page must document any challenges made		Complete <b>text of any proposals</b> that appeared on the ballot.			
	at the election or the word "None" should appear indicating that no challenges were made  Write-in Tally page must list the name of each "declared" write-in candidate that received a valid write-in vote (a separate entry should be made for each variation in names was written on ballots by the voters, e.g. Bob Smith, Clerk, Dem. I, Robert Smith, Clerk, Dem, III, Smith, Clerk, Dem, II. The word "None" should appear if no write-in candidates filed.		<b>Ballot container seal number</b> and signatures of two inspectors that sealed the container.			
			<b>Signatures of all inspectors</b> that were present at the close of the polls.			
			ors/Omissions/Comments Report (to be delivered to e city/township/village clerk responsible for ministering the election:			
	Remarks page should document any unusual events that occurred during the course of the election. In addition, explanations for discrepancies in the poll list section, ballot summary and Election Inspectors Certificate should be noted along with notations regarding election inspectors who left prior to the close of the polls and the assignment of additional inspectors.					

#### Instructions for e-ENR

The Election Night Reporting (e-ENR) Electronic Filing Program has been developed for electronic transmission of county-by-county election night returns. The instructions below are provided to assist you with completing your online filing. These instructions can be used in conjunction with the instructional aids in the application. These instructional aids include:

- Help Function: As you go through the program/system/forms, you will find a "Help Button" will direct you to contact Evelyn Quiroga at the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or quirogae1@michigan.gov.
- Instructions on the pages: Throughout the application, the wording has been carefully designed to assist you in completing the forms.
- · Each county will be offered a walk through training over the phone before the election.
- Bureau staff will be available the entire election night to assist if needed.

#### Required Browser and JAVA Script Enabled

You must have Internet Explorer 6.x or higher for using the application. All users must have JAVA Script enabled on their chosen browser.

#### GETTING STARTED

1. Go to the website link provided to you via email by the Bureau of Elections. The link cannot be provided here for security reasons.

The first page you will see is the Login page. See illustration and instructions below to complete the form.



**Login ID#**: Enter the Login ID provided by the Bureau of Elections.

If you do not have your Login ID, contact the Bureau of Elections at 517-373-2540 for assistance.

Password: Enter the password assigned to the county exactly as it was provided to you. If you need to request a password, Contact the Bureau of Elections.

Click the "Login" Button to continue into the e-ENR program.

If any of the information in the Login page is incorrect, you will be given an opportunity to correct the information. A window will appear that explains the error. You can then correct the information.

Abort the session, by closing the browser, and contact the Bureau of Elections at 517-373-2540 if you believe you accessed the incorrect county information.

#### SELECT THE REPORT TO BE FILED

After successfully entering the login information, you will proceed to a page to the Election Night Results Keying page.



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The Election Year, Election Type, County Name and Office/Proposals will all be prefilled and can not be changed.

Key Results: Click to move to the key entry screen. You may key and resubmit your numbers at any time to correct results. Hint: The numeric key pad and "Enter" key works best for keying the results.

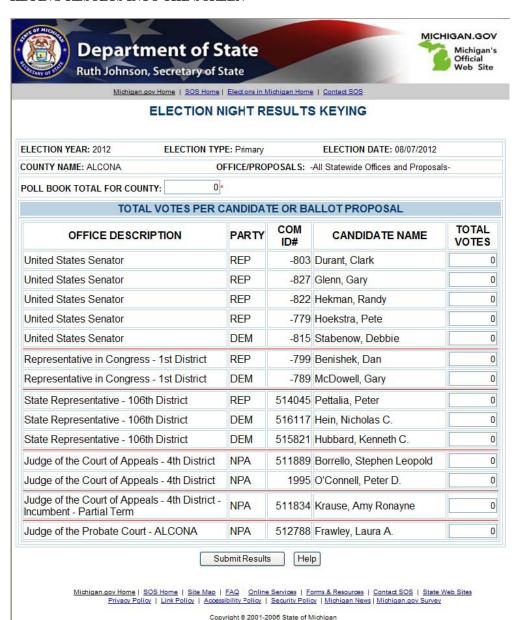
Reset: Click to reset the screen.

Generate Official Canvass: This button generates your official canvass form that must be signed by your County Board of Canvassers and the County Seal applied to it. You will mail this form back to the Bureau of Elections as in previous years. Only use when your have entered all of your final numbers. Note: You can only generate the Official Canvass after you

have submitted your official results to the Bureau of Election electronically: See "SUBMIT YOUR RESULTS! Re-Enter Password For Security" below.

**Help:** Click the Help button to access contact information for Evelyn Quiroga at the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or quirogae1@michigan.gov.

#### KEYING RESULTS INTO THE SCREEN



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#### Entering Fields:

Poll Book Total for the County: Enter the Poll Book Total (number of <u>voters</u> participating in the election) for the County. *Note this is a Required Field.* 

Total Votes: Enter the total votes for each candidate based on the information in the description fields.

Pre-filled Fields: All of the other fields on the screen are description fields only and cannot be changed.

Submit Results: Click when all of your numbers are entered. Do not submit partial results. Contact the Bureau of Elections if you do not have your complete results by 2:00am EST the morning following the election.

Help: Click the Help button to access contact information for Evelyn Quiroga at the Bureau of Elections at 517-335-2790 or quirogae1@michigan.gov.

#### SUBMIT YOUR RESULTS! Re-Enter Password for Security

Password: Enter the password assigned by the Bureau of Elections.

Return To Form: Click to go back to correct or double-check the form.

Submit Report: Click to submit the report.

Results are Official: When you are ready to submit your final numbers, check this box to indicate the results are official and final. You will not be able to submit it any further changes without the assistance of the Bureau of Elections. You may now log back into the system and print your Official Canvass Report. See a sample of the first page of the Official Canvass at the end of this document.



An online screen will appear to inform you that your filing has been received.

#### Sample of Canvass

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau Of Elections P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901 Phone: (517) 373–2540

County: ALCONA

County Code: (01)

#### OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS

(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Presidential Primary Election
Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Return To: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE Bureau Of Elections P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901 Phone: (517) 373-2540

#### IMPORTANT

#### FIVE STEPS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

- Check for candidate name omissions on this form by comparing it against the candidate names printed on the county's ballots.
   If an omission is found, contact the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing.
- 2.) Enter all totals in words and numerals. Example: Three Hundred twenty—one (321). Do not fail to enter the county's Poll Book total below. When entering total number of votes cast for all candidates for a particular office, DO NOT include write—in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.
- 3.) Double check all entries for errors. There can be no descrepancies in the totals recorded on this form, the totals entered on the Official County Canvassers' Statement and the precinct results certified for your county. Complete accuracy is of extreme importance as the totals entered on this form represent the official record of the election.
- 4.) After completing the form, affix all required signatures and county seal on the last page.
- 5.) Mail the original copy of this form to the Department of State's Bureau of Elections as soon as it is completed.

#### POLL BOOK TOTAL

The TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE voting at this election as shown by the POLL BOOK

was ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY TWO

(1732).

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Lansing, Michigan 48901 Phone: (517) 373-2540

# OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS

(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)
Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: ALGER

County Code: (02)

Return To: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau Of Elections P.O. Box 20126 Lansing, Michigan 48901

Phone: (517) 373-2540

# MPORTANT

# FIVE STEPS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

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# POLL BOOK TOTAL

The TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE voting at this election as shown by the POLL BOOK

was ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE

(1855).

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OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS

(Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)

Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: ALGER (02) (Office Code: 02000000):

Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position

REP

DeVos, Dick received THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO

received ZERO

received ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT

votes.

Number of Votes

votes.

votes.

1178

The total number of votes cast for (Office Code: 02000000): Governor 4 Year Term (1) Position

DEM Granholm, Jennifer M.

Write-In Boven, Louis C.

Was ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY

votes. 1550
(Enter the sum of the votes cast for ONLY the candidates listed above, DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.)

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OFFICIAL COUNTY VOTE TOTALS (Summary of County Canvasser's Statement)

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Primary Election Tuesday, August 8, 2006

County: ALGER (02) (Office Code: 05000000):

United States Senator 6 Year Term (1) Position

DEM	REP	REP	REP
DEM Stabenow, Debbie	REP Write-In White, Randal	REP Butler, Keith	REP Bouchard, Michael
received ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX	received ZERO	received ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO	received TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN
votes.	votes.	votes.	votes.
1166	0	132	Number of Votes 218

The total number of votes cast for (Office Code: 05000000): United States Senator 6 Year Term (1) Position

was ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN voics.

1516 (Enter the sum of the voices cast for ONLY the candidates listed above. DO NOT include write-in votes cast for individuals who did not submit a Declaration of Intent form.)

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# Official County Vote Totals

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(Summary of County Canvassers' Statement)

Primary Flection

Primary Election
Tuesday, August 8, 2006

# State of Michigan County of ALGER ss.

We Hereby Certify, That the foregoing is a correct transcript of the Statement of the Board of County Canvassers, of the County of ALGER, of the votes given in such County for the indicated candidates at the Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, as appears from the original statement on file in the office of the County Clerk.

(Seal)	At			ļ	for the County of ALGER this
Clerk of the Board of County Canvassers	Attest:	Signatures	Canvassers'	Board of County	for the County of ALGER this day of

9/1/2006 9:01:15 AM CL61

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### **CANVASS OF VOTES CAST**

#### AT THE ELECTION

**HELD ON** 

(DATE OF ELECTION) AND CANVASSED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS 0F **COUNTY, MICHIGAN** (NAME OF COUNTY, CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE)

Grd at by Form No. N-36.
CANVASSER BOOK
Specify whether General, Primary or Special Election

# Statement of Votes Cast 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

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#### STATEMENT OF VOTES

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NOTE: If using this sample addendum form, it will be necessary to supplement this form with the full text of each proposal.

### State of Michigan Write-In Vote Certification Report

Name of County: Election	Jurisdiction Name Precinct Name of Candidate Number											
Election Date:	Office Sought											
	Total Votes for Precinct											
	Total Votes for Candidate									-		

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### **CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION**

COUNTY OF	J	
The Board of Canvassers of the	(County, City, Township or Village)	of
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### **Certification of County Canvassers' Report**

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That the following Propositions or questions	were passed or defeated as indicated below:
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NAME OF PROPOSITION	Having Not Received Sufficient votes was Defeated
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3	Not Received Samuel Not Defeated
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In 1	Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal
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# **Certificate of Nomination**

Joseph Bullen 2192 McConnell Hwy Charlotte, MI 48813

State of Michigan County of Eaton

receiving a sufficient number of votes, received the Republican Party nomination to the office of Benton I, Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the August 3, 2004 Primary, Joseph Bullen Township Supervisor, as determined by the Eaton County Board of Canvassers.

August 10, 2004. In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the County of Eaton, this Thursday,

SEAL

Fran Fuller Eaton County Clerk

### CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

Gerrit W. Vander Kamp 11412 E. Indian Lake Drive Vicksburg MI 49097

State of Michigan }
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County of Kalamazoo }

I, Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Primary Election held on August 8, 2006, Gerrit W. Vander Kamp receiving a sufficient number of votes, received the Republican Party nomination to the office of Brady Township Trustee, as determined by the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the Circuit Court for said County, this 15th day of August 2006.

{ Seal }

Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk

# CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

State of Michigan County of Eaton

Canvassers of Eaton County. Library Board Member of the Grand Ledge Area District Library as determined by the Board of County Martha Brunger Parks having received a sufficient number of votes was elected to the office of I, Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk, do hereby Certify that at the Election held on May 6, 2008,

May 9, 2008. In Witness Whereof, I have set my signature and affixed the Seal of the County of Eaton, this Friday,

SEAL

Fran Fuller Eaton County Clerk

### Certificate Election

County, Michigan. determined by the Board of County Canvassers of Kalamazoo Commissioner, for the term expiring November 9, votes, was Elected to the Office of Kalamazoo City 2007, David F. Anderson, receiving a sufficient number of hereby certify that at the Election held on November 6, I, Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk, do 2009, S CD

affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007. In Witness Whereof, the Seal of the Circuit I have set my signature and Court for said County,

Kalamazoo County Clerk & Register of Deeds

Seal

### **PETITION FOR A RECOUNT**

l,	<i>_</i>	the	petitioner	reside at
Board of Canvassers for a recount of				
(Office/District/Party or Question) at the _				
were committed by the precinct election i	·			
above referenced election. An additional e	xplanation of the fraud or	error i	s provided (op	tional):
I request that the following precinct(s) and,	or absent voter counting	board	(AVCB) precin	ct(s) within the
listed jurisdictions be recounted:				
Precinct/AVCB Name of Jurisdiction				
Number				
(List additional precincts on the back or atta	ach additional sheets)			
My deposit of \$ is enclose	d.			
Signature of Candidate/Voter:	<del>_</del>			
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	Name of Notary:			
day of20				
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### **RECOUNT DEPOSIT WORKSHEET**

### **Candidate Section**

## One candidate elected or nominated: Total number of votes case in race \_\_\_\_\_\_ Total vote differential between winning candidate and petitioner \_\_\_\_\_\_(1) ½ of 1% (.005) times total votes case in the race \_\_\_\_\_\_(2) If line (2) is greater than 50, enter line (2) amount here \_\_\_\_\_\_(3a) If line (2) is less than or equal to 50, enter 50 here \_\_\_\_\_\_(3b) Enter the higher number of 3a or 3b \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(3) If line (1) is less than or equal to line (3), deposit is \$25.00 per precinct.

If line (1) is greater than line (3), deposit is \$125.00 per precinct.

### More than one candidate elected or nominated:

Total number of votes cast for petitioner and winning candidate With least number of votes combined	
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% of 1% (.005) times total votes case for petitioner and winning candidate with least number of votes combined $-$	(2)
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(3b)	
Enter the higher number of 3a or 3b	(3)
If line (1) is less than or equal to line (3), deposit is \$25.00 per precinct.	

If line (1) is greater than line (3), deposit is \$125.00 per precinct.

### **Ballot Question Section**

Total number of votes case on proposal	
Total vote differential between "yes" and "no" votes	(1)
½ of 1% (.005) times total votes case on proposal	(2)
If line (2) is greater than 50, enter line (2) amount here	
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If line (2) is less than or equal to 50, enter 50 here	
(3b)	
Enter the higher number of 3a or 3b	(3)

If line (1) is less than or equal to line (3), deposit is \$25.00 per precinct. If line (1) is greater than line (3), deposit is \$125.00 per precinct.

### PRE-RECOUNT MEETING AGENDA

I.	Call	to Order; meeting of the County Board of Canvassers								
	A.	This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.								
	B.	Question to County Clerk: Has the meeting notice been posted?								
	C.	introductions:								
		1. Members of the County Board of Canvassers.								
		2. County Clerk and other Representatives of the County Board of Canvassers.								
	D.	Question to all in attendance: Have all candidates and their representatives signed the sign-in sheet and been provided with a name tag? <i>Explain:</i> There will be a separate sign-in sheet for each day; please sign in. Name tags are color coded by candidate or pro/con on proposal. We ask that name tags be worn at all times throughout these proceedings.								
II.	Stat	ement of Purpose								
	A.	(PRIMARY) We are here to recount the votes cast for the party nomination to the office of in the ward/district/circuit.								
		(GENERAL) We are here to recount the votes cast for the office of in the ward/district/circuit.								
		(ELECTION TYPE) We are here to recount the votes cast on the proposal.								
	B.	Authority - This recount is being conducted under the authority of the County Board of Canvassers.								
III.		uctions to Recountability and Recount Team Members (Note: As an option, the duties defined r A may be carried out by the Recount Team.)								
	A.	Role of Recountability Team - To determine the recountability of each precinct.								
		1. Recountability team members will direct <i>any and all</i> procedural questions to a representative of the County Board of Canvassers.								
		2. Recount Process: The ballots will be recounted via (hand count, electronic count or combination).								
		3. Recountability Standards: Refer to ITEM II - "Recount Statement of Returns" form.								

• <u>If precinct is recountable</u> – Complete Columns A and B under ITEM VII. Return all ballots and special envelopes to the ballot container and deliver to Recount

Team along with "Recount Statement of Returns" form, Poll Book, Statement of Votes and Canvass Report.

- If precinct is **not** recountable Original election results stand. Complete Columns A and B under ITEM VII. Complete and sign "Precinct Not Recountable Determination" form. Staple completed form to "Recount Statement of Returns" form. Return all ballots and special envelopes to ballot container (if removed) and reseal container. Record new seal number and initial 1) Ballot Container Certificate 2) ITEM VI of "Recount Statement of Returns" and 3) Poll Book.
- B. Role of Recount Team To recount the votes.
  - 1. Recount team members will direct *any and all* procedural questions to a representative of the County Board of Canvassers.
  - 2. Ballot will be recounted via:
    - Hand Count Sort and count method or tally method.
    - Retabulation Using special program.
    - Retabulation Using original program.
  - 3. All duplicated ballots and ballots containing one or more write-in votes for the office being recounted will be brought to the attention of a representative of the County Board of Canvassers.

### C. Validity Standards

1. Optical Scan – Review Handout

### IV. Challenge Process

- A. Two representatives will be allowed to observe the work of each recountability/ recount team, one of which will be designated as the spokesperson.
  - 1. Candidates and their representatives may not touch ballots, seals, poll books, statements of votes or recount documents.
  - 2. It is the responsibility of the designated spokesperson to voice his/her intent to challenge to a decision made by a recountability/recount team *at the time that the decision is made*.
  - 3. Decisions made by a recountability/recount team will not be revisited for the purpose of entering a challenge.
- B. All challenges will be fully documented at the time that the challenge is made.
  - 1. At that time, a "Challenge Exhibit" form will be completed by a member of the recountability/recount team and will contain the following information:

		Team decision that is the basis of the challenge				
		Office or Proposition				
		Township or City of				
		Ward/Precinct #				
		Exhibit #				
		Reason for Challenge (description of challenge)				
		Challenged by				
2.	The	completed "Challenge Exhibit" form is reviewed by the challenger for accuracy.				
		If the challenger agrees with the information he/she will be asked to sign the form on the designated line				
		If the challenger disagrees with any of the information the necessary corrections will be made and the challenger will be asked to sign the form on the designated line				
3.	Each challenged ballot shall be secured inside an exhibit envelope with the completed and signed "Challenge Exhibit" form affixed to the outside. The envelope will be sealed with an official red paper seal that has been initialed by two recount team members. The sealed exhibit envelope will then be placed along with the other ballots cast according to the recount teams decision.					
4.	All "Challenge Exhibit" forms and envelopes will be retained by the representative of the County Board of Canvassers.					
5.	All c	challenges will be presented to the County Board of Canvassers at the conclusion of				

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the recount.



July 18, 2006

### DETERMINING THE VALIDITY OF OPTICAL SCAN BALLOT MARKINGS

(Issued May 27, 2004)

Michigan election law, MCL 168.799a(3) as amended under PA 92 of 2004, provides the following direction on recounting optical scan ballots:

If the electronic voting system requires that the elector place a mark in a predefined area on the ballot in order to cast a vote, the vote shall not be considered valid unless there is a mark within the predefined area. A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark subject to recount with other marks appearing on the ballot. The secretary of state shall issue instructions, subject to the approval of the board of state canvassers, relevant to stray marks to ensure the fairness and uniformity of determinations made under this subsection. A secretary of state's instruction relevant to stray marks shall not be applied to a ballot unless the secretary of state issued the instruction not less than 63 days before the date of the election.

Similar direction is provided under Michigan election law, MCL 168.803(2) as amended under PA 92 of 2004:

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The above provisions of law were enacted to accommodate those situations where the tabulating equipment employed to count optical scan ballots cast at an election is unable to recognize a properly cast vote. Such situations generally stem from the voter using an inappropriate marking tool to vote his or her ballot. They can also occur if the ballot marking is not dense enough for the tabulator to recognize the presence of a vote.

It merits emphasis that the proper way to indicate a vote on an optical scan ballot is to make a mark within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote. Thus, any markings that are inconsistent with this standard cannot be counted as votes.

### -- OPTECH SYSTEMS --

### **Examples of Valid Optical Scan Ballot Markings**

**STANDARD:** There is a mark within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote.

### **Examples of Invalid Optical Scan Ballot Markings**

**STANDARD:** A mark does *not* appear within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote.

OR

**STANDARD:** A mark appears within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote but it can be determined that the mark is a "stray mark" when the mark is compared to other marks appearing on the ballot.

### -- ACCU-VOTE SYSTEMS --

### **Examples of Valid Optical Scan Ballot Markings**

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### **Examples of Invalid Optical Scan Ballot Markings**

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OR

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### Optical Scan Systems Employing "Arrow" Target Areas

Valid markings: Each of the examples provided below is a <u>valid vote</u> as there is a mark within the "predefined area" for casting a vote.



**Invalid markings:** Each of the examples provided below is an <u>invalid vote</u> as a mark does <u>not</u> appear within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote.



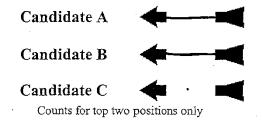
Corrections: A correction-that-causes a "false" tabulator read does not count as a valid vote.



Counts for top position only

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Stray marks: "A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark with other marks appearing on the ballot."

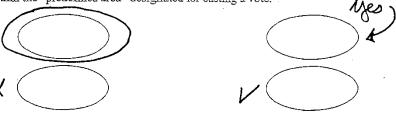


### Optical Scan Systems Employing "Oval" Target Areas

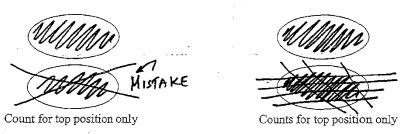
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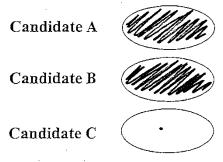
Invalid markings: Each of the examples provided below is an <u>invalid vote</u> as a mark does <u>not</u> appear within the "predefined area" designated for casting a vote.



Corrections: A correction that causes a "false" tabulator read does not count as a valid vote.



Stray marks: "A stray mark made within a predefined area is not a valid vote. In determining whether a mark within a predefined area is a stray mark, the board of canvassers or election official shall compare the mark with other marks appearing on the ballot."



Counts for top two positions only

### CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE/FORM

<b>EXHIBIT</b> #:	COUNTY:	DATE:	
Township/City or (Circle one)	Village of:	Precinct #:	
OFFICE OR PRO	POSAL:		
Signature of Challe	enger	Date:	
Representing:	(Candidate/Yes or	No of Proposal)	
RULING BY COU	NTY BOARD OF CANVASSE	CRS:	

### RECOUNT STATEMENT OF RETURNS FORM INSTRUCTIONS

**ITEM I – GENERAL INFORMATION:** Enter information requested for question 1 and 2.

**ITEM II –RECOUNTABILITY CHECKS:** Answer questions 1 and 2. If the answer to question 1 and 2 is "Yes," proceed to question 3. If the answer to question 1 or 2 is "No," refer to "Recountability Note #1" below.

Recountability Note #1: If the ballot container is not properly sealed, or the seal number does not agree with the seal of record (Poll Book, Statement of Votes or Ballot Container Certificate), the precinct is not recountable. It is important to note that in this case, the precinct is not recountable even if the ballots inside the ballot container are sealed inside an unapproved ballot container (e.g. white canvass bag).

If the precinct is <u>not</u> recountable, proceed to question 4. Answer "No" to question 4, sign where indicated and complete the following: 1) enter a detailed explanation for the determination on the "DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE" form and 2) complete **ITEMS V** and **VII**, Column A and B.

### **Physical Count Instructions**:

**Count #1** - Count the number of ballots tabulated and compare the total with the total number of voters according to the Poll Book (ITEM 1). If the total number of ballots tabulated <u>agrees</u> with the total number of voters (ITEM 1), the precinct is recountable. Answer "Yes" to question 3 and 4, and sign where indicated. Proceed to ITEM III. However, if the first count <u>does not agree</u>, check the following:

- Refer to the Ballot Summary Were one or more ballots duplicated? If "Yes," are all "duplicate" and corresponding "original" ballots accounted for? (Check the special envelope) Are all "duplicate" ballots included in the number of ballots counted and are all "original" ballots secured inside the special envelope? "Original" ballots should not be included in the physical count.
- Refer to the Ballot Summary Were one or more ballots "Spoiled"? (Check the special envelope) Are all "spoiled" ballots secured inside the special envelope? "Spoiled" ballots should not be included in the physical count.
- Refer to the Remarks Page Is there an acceptable explanation for the discrepancy?
- Refer to the Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) Does the number of ballots tabulated according to the physical count agree with the number of ballots tabulated according to the Statement of Votes (Totals Tape)?

If after a review of the above items it is determined that the first count agrees with the total number of voters according to the Poll Book and/or the total number of ballots tabulated according to the Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) the precinct is recountable. Answer "Yes" to question 3, sign where indicated and proceed to ITEM III. However, if the first count does not agree and a reasonable explanation for the discrepancy can not be identified, the ballots must be counted a second time; proceed to Count #2 below.

**Count #2** - Count the ballots a second time. If the total number of ballots tabulated <u>agrees</u> with the total number of voters according to the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes (Totals Tape), the ballots must be counted a third time to verify the count; proceed to **Count #3**. However, if the second count <u>does not agree</u>, the precinct is <u>not recountable</u>. Answer "No" to question 3 and 4, sign where indicated and complete the following: 1) enter a detailed explanation for the determination on the "DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE" form and 2) complete **ITEMS IV**, **V**, **VI** and **VII**.

**Count #3** – Count the ballots a third time. If the total number of ballots tabulated agrees with the total number of voters (as verified with Count #2) the precinct is recountable; answer "Yes" to question 3 and 4, sign where indicated and proceed to **ITEM III.** However, if the third count <u>does not agree</u> with Count #2, the precinct is <u>not recountable</u>. Answer "No" to question 3 and 4, sign where indicated and complete the following: 1) enter a detailed explanation for the determination on the "DETERMINATION – PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE" form and 2) complete **ITEMS IV, V, VI** and **VII**.

**Physical Count – Summary:** The number of ballots tabulated (per the physical count) must agree with (1) the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) total on the first count <u>or</u> (2) the Poll Book and/or Statement of Votes (Totals Tape) total on the second <u>and</u> third counts. If the number of ballots and the number of voters <u>do not agree</u>, and an acceptable explanation for the discrepancy can not be identified, the precinct is not recountable.

ITEM III – ENVELOPE BALLOTS: (Complete only if one or more "Envelope" ballots were counted during the 6 days immediately following the election.) Answer questions 1 and 2. If the answer to question 1 and 2 is "Yes," answer "Yes" to question 3; the envelope ballots are recountable – place the envelope ballots with the other ballots to be recounted. However, if the answer to question 1 or 2 is "No," answer "No" to question 3; the envelope ballots are not recountable. Proceed to Item IV. (NOTE: A determination that the envelope ballots are not recountable, has no bearing on the recountability of the precinct.)

**ITEM IV – DUPLICATED BALLOTS:** Answer question 1. If the answer is "Yes," match each "original" ballot to the corresponding "duplicate." Verify that all "valid marks" recorded by the voter on the "original" ballot, for the office or proposal being recounted, are reflected on the corresponding "duplicate" ballot. If errors are identified, make the necessary corrections and proceed to **ITEM V**. If the answer is "No," proceed to **ITEM V**.

**ITEM V – CHALLENGES:** Answer question 1. If the answer is "Yes," review all documentation recorded on the CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE(S) for completeness and accuracy, answer "Yes" to question 2 and proceed to **ITEM VI**. If the answer to question 1 is "No," proceed to **ITEM VI**.

**ITEM VI – BALLOT CONTAINER RESEALING:** Return all ballots to the ballot container. Re-seal the container and record the new seal number under **ITEM VI**, in the Poll Book and on the Ballot Container Certificate. Initial and date the entries in the Poll Book and on the Ballot Container Certificate. (NOTE: Do not seal CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ENVELOPE(S) containing ballots in the ballot container.)

### ITEM VII – RECOUNT RETURNS:

If the precinct is recounted, complete COLUMN A, B and C and sign in the designated area.

If the precinct is **not** recounted, complete COLUMN A and B **and sign in the designated area.** 

### **RECOUNT STATEMENT OF RETURNS**

Office/Proposal	District/Circuit	Political Party _	
County	City/Township	Precinct	
ITEM I GENERAL INF  1) Number of voters per	F <b>ORMATION</b> r Poll Book: <i>(Minus Envelope Ballots)</i> _		-
2) Ballot container s (From Poll Book/Stateme	eal number: nt of Votes and/or Ballot Container Certifi	icate)	
ITEM II RECOUNTAB Ballot Security	ILITY CHECKS		
1) Is the seal placed on	the ballot container so that ballots d without breaking the seal or dam		□ No
2) Does the number on t	the seal agree with the Poll Book, and/or Ballot Container Certificate?	□ Yes	□ No
,	ballots agree with the number of vook and/or Statement of Votes?	oters 🗆 Yes	□ No
<ul><li><u>Determination</u></li><li>4) Is the precinct recour</li></ul>	ntable?	□ Yes	□ No
If "No" – Sign below a	and proceed to <b>ITEM III</b> . and complete: 1) "DETERMINATIC rm 2) <b>ITEM V</b> 3) <b>ITEM VI</b> and 4) <b>IT</b>		
X	Xxard of Canvasser Asst.) (Recount Team	Member/Roard of Canyas	esar Asst )
	BALLOTS (Complete only if one or mor		
6 day review per 1) Is the seal placed on		cannot □ Yes	□ No
,	the seal found on the container agorded on the Ballot Container Certif	•	□ No
3) Are the "envelope" ba	allots recountable?	□Yes	□ No
ITEM IV DUPLICATE  1) Were one or more ba		□ Yes	□ No
If "Yes" refer to FORI	M INSTRUCTIONS - DUPI ICATEI	D BALLOTS	

If "Yes", refer to FORM INSTRUCTIONS - DUPLICATED BALLOTS. If "No", proceed to **ITEM V**.

ITEM V CHALLENGES					
1) Were any decisions of the recount/	recountability team chall	enged?	□ Yes		No
2) If "Yes" were all challenges properly	y documented?		□ Yes		No
ITEM VI BALLOT CONTAINER RES Record the new seal number below, in (NOTE: Do not seal CHALLENGE EXI- container.) Ballot container resealed with seal num	the Poll Book and on th HIBIT ENVELOPE(S) co	e Ballot ntaining	Containe	r Ce	rtificate.
ITEM VII RECOUNT RETURNS					
COLUMN A  Enter names of candidates below or "Yes" and "No" if a proposal	COLUMN B ENTER ORIGINAL TOTALS	ENT	DLUMN ( ER RECOU TOTALS		
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### **DETERMINATION - PRECINCT NOT RECOUNTABLE**

Office/Proposal	D	istrict/Circuit	Political Party
County	City/Towns	hip	Precinct
On <u>/ /20</u>	_the above referenced precir	nct was found to be not	recountable for the
following reason(s): _			
	ober/Board of Canvasser Asst )		

### POST RECOUNT MEETING AGENDA

A.

B.

C.

Med	ting of the County	y Board of Canvassers				
1.	A summary of the recount proceedings will be presented by a representative of the County Board of Canvassers which will include:					
	☐ Total num	ber of precincts included in the original petition for recount				
	☐ Total num	ber of precincts included in the counter-petition (if applicable)				
	☐ Total num	ber of precincts determined to be recountable				
	☐ Total num	ber of precincts determined <u>not</u> to be recountable				
	☐ Original vo	ote results				
	☐ Recount vo	ote results				
2.	A representative	of the County Board of Canvassers will present any challenges to the Board.				
3.	Each candidate or representative will be given the opportunity to present oral arguments to support their challenge(s).					
4.	Once the board renders its decision, each challenged ballot will be returned to the "Challenge Exhibit" envelope which will be resealed using an official Red Paper Seal. The envelope will remain sealed for the remainder of the retention period.					
5.	Each candidate or representative will be given a final opportunity to enter any final statements or objections into the record.					
"Re	count Statement o	n to Accept" - A motion to accept the recount results as entered on the f Votes" as the official vote for the office or proposal will be made and ty Board of Canvassers.				
Med	ting Adjourned.					
NOTE: Decisions made by County Board of Canvassers are final and may not be appealed to the Board of State Canvassers. Any appeals must be taken up in Circuit Court.						

### RECOUNT STATEMENT OF PRECINCTS

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Statement of reco	Statement of recount in the County of			f of the votes cast at the				
election held on	the	_ day of _	20	for the off	ice of		·	
					(If par	tisan Primary, i	insert party)	
Step 1) Enter the RESULTS" coluby the ward/prec NOTE: If the pr	mns. Step	p 2) Enter er. Step	the name of eact the reco	ch city/township ount vote totals for	or village being or each candida	g recounted in thate or the "Yes"	ne far left colum and "No" for th	n followed
City or Township of	Ward	Pct.	Pct. RECOUNT RESULTS					
TOTAL (or if Sub-total			0	0	0	0	0	0

STATE OF MICHIGAN	)
	) ss
County of	)

to be carried forward to

next page)

We certify that the foregoing	g is a correct statement of	the recount of the vo	tes cast at the					
	Election held on the	day of	20					
for the office of								
	(If F	rimary, insert party)						
	In witness, we have set our hands at the (City, Township or Village) of in said county and state, this day of, 20							
(0 )	thiso	day of	, 20					
(Seal)			) County					
Clerk of the Board of Cou	nty Canvassers							
STATE OF MICHIGAN		) ) ss.						
County of		)						
We certify that the foregoing	g copy of the Recount Stat	ement of Precincts in	the County of					
	_of the votes cast at the		Election held on the					
day of	, 20for the o	office of	Primary, insert party)					
and the attached Certificate are on file in the office of the		•	statement and certificate which					
	In witness, we have	set our hands and at	ffixed the seal of the Circuit					
(Seal)	Court for the County	/ of						
	thisc		,20					
0	. Clark							
County	y Clerk							
Chairman of the Board	of County Canvassers	<u> </u>						

**AFFIX OFFICIAL SEAL WERE INDICATED ABOVE**